What is the Human Services Learning Community?

The Human Services Learning Community (HSLC) is an opportunity to study face-to-face with other students in human services. The HSLC meets three Saturdays per term and is an engaging forum for students to network with other community and human service professionals, hear guest speakers, learn about internship opportunities and much more.

How do I enroll in the courses?

Current students should talk to your mentor. If you are a nonmatriculated student, please call Desalyn De-Souza, 315 472-5730, or e-mail Desalyn.De-Souza@esc.edu

Is there scholarship money available?

The Educational Incentive Program (EIP) has funds available for those pursuing a career in Early Childhood Studies. Contact them at http://www.ecectp.pdp.albany.edu or 800 295-9616 to see if you are eligible.

Does Empire State College award my credentials?

No, you will need to go through the process at each agency to apply for your credential. The studies at Empire State College meet the college credit requirements but the credentials are competency based and a portfolio submission is required. Taking your studies through HSLC gives you the opportunity to have faculty work with you in preparing your portfolio for submission to the credentialing agency.

Credentialing Agency Contact Information:

Council for Professional Recognition  
Child Development Associate Credential  
www.cdacouncil.org  
800 424-4310

New York State Association for the Education of Young Children/Infant Toddler Credential  
Children’s Program Administrator Credential  
www.nysaeyc.org  
518 867-3517

About Empire State College

Empire State College, of the State University of New York, is a nationally recognized leader in nontraditional education. Founded in 1971 to provide educational opportunities to working adults, the college continues to place great emphasis on developing flexible instructional models and providing credit to adults for the college-level learning they may already have acquired through their work and life experience.

Tuition

Because Empire State College is a public college and part of the State University of New York, undergraduate tuition and fees are among the lowest in the region. The per-credit charge for residents of New York is $207 ($536 for out-of-state residents).

A number of state and federal financial aid programs are available for qualifying students, such as scholarships, grants and federal loans.

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The Central New York Center at Empire State College has a unique opportunity for students who want to pursue a professional credential in Early Childhood Studies. The Human Service Learning Community (HSLC) is a place where students can work with mentors and other students in a collaborative environment designed to meet their individual needs.

There are six studies offered in Early Childhood Education in this format that have been carefully designed to include relevant topics, goals and competencies required to prepare students to apply for professional credentials in early childhood. Students generally take one to two studies per term.

Students meet as a group on three Saturdays during the term. The schedule also will include portfolio development workshops where students will work to develop and finalize their credentialing portfolios. For current study offerings please call the Central New York Center at 315 472-5730 or visit the HSLC Web site www.esc.edu/hslearncomm.

The chart to the right illustrates the Early Childhood Studies offered through the HSLC and indicates how the studies relate to the different credentials.

Early Childhood Studies at Empire State College also are offered through independent study and online through the Center for Distance Learning. Call our Student Information Center at 800 847-3000.

* Requires additional college credits beyond the credits shown here. Please refer to the appropriate credentialing agency for more information.