

Fund for Excellence for Teacher Preparation

Students interested in a career in early childhood education and care often need extensive education and real-world experience. Many students at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, are juggling multiple responsibilities. Taking unpaid time to obtain this experience and education can be difficult. HACC is committed to supporting these students so that they can be successful after obtaining their degrees or certificates.

The Fund for Excellence for Teacher Preparation supports students in the Early Childhood-Elementary Education Program and the Early Childhood Care and Education Program who are training to teach students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. With access to innovative programs and technology, we can provide our students with the tools and experiences they will need to be prepared for their careers. YOUR support can fund innovative initiatives like:



Advanced Technology for Students on all HACC campuses

Many students need to be well-versed in the use of Smartboards and iPads in order to succeed in their career in education. Unfortunately, many of our students do not have access to these. The Harrisburg Campus has outfitted a room with technology. Through the fund for excellence, the Lancaster Campus has begun to expand their technological resources to match those on the Harrisburg Campus. However, there are no classrooms like this on the Gettysburg, Lebanon or York campuses.

By purchasing advanced technology and allowing students to use them, students will be better prepared to meet the technological demands of their career.

We would like to extend educational technology to our other campuses.

Childhood Education Center Lab School

The Childhood Education Center Lab School would provide drop-in childcare for HACC students and employees. Care would be provided by students in the early childhood care and education classes. Not only would this center give real-world experience to the students in the program, it would also provide affordable and flexible childcare to other students attending HACC.

Field-Experience Mentor Teachers Program

When students begin their fieldwork, their experiences do not always match perfectly with the best practices that are taught in the classroom. The field-experience mentor teachers program would allow us to train a mentor at different facilities so that our students can discuss how the lessons they learned in the classroom apply to that setting. It also provides one-on-one training to maximize the opportunity for the students.

"Unfortunately, many children in the community, due to family circumstances, do not have access to high-quality early childhood education. These are the children who need it the most. We have the opportunity, through this fund, to create a lab school to provide the highest quality of education to our students who will provide a quality education to young children that would not otherwise be available to them."
- Kathleen T. Doherty, Ph.D., Associate Provost at HACC

As the requirements increase for teachers in early childhood education and care, it is important that HACC keeps up with these expectations. YOU can ensure that HACC students graduating from these programs have the necessary experiences by visiting hacc.edu/GiveNow to make a gift to the Fund for Excellence for Teacher Preparation.

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