

Independent Fieldwork for Early Childhood & Childhood Education

In the early phase of the Early Childhood & Childhood Education program at SUNY New Paltz, students must complete at least 30 hours of Independent Fieldwork in a structured setting with children 6th grade or younger. Independent Fieldwork may include classroom observations, camp or daycare jobs, tutoring, coaching, or related work (paid or unpaid). Students will ask a teacher/supervisor familiar with their Independent Fieldwork experience to document it in writing.

After finishing their Independent Fieldwork, Early Childhood & Childhood Education students complete a sequence of methods courses and 120+ hours of supervised fieldwork, culminating in a semester of full-time student teaching.

Thank you for providing an Independent Fieldwork opportunity for a New Paltz student. Feel free to contact the Early Childhood & Childhood Education program at 845-257-2860 if you have any questions, or would like to explore other partnerships with the School of Education at SUNY New Paltz.

<https://www.newpaltz.edu/elementaryed/>

