



Professional Development of Teachers

Teachers are required to participate in 16 clock hours of professional development training during the school year. Annual recertification in CPR is arranged by the coordinator and counts for two hours of this required instruction. As part-time employees of James Madison University, YCP teachers are eligible for tuition waiver of undergraduate and graduate courses and for staff development courses offered through Human Resources. Support is provided for participation in the annual conference of the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education. Registration fees for local professional development courses are paid by the program.

Because YCP teachers are experienced professional educators with post-baccalaureate training and/or degrees, staff development interests and challenges are at an advanced academic level. Teachers have freedom to pursue areas of personal interest, as well as collaborating on one topic of study each year.