



Young Children's Program

The Young Children's Program is a state licensed, NAEYC accredited, inclusive preschool program serving our local community. Located on the campus of James Madison University, the YCP operates under the direction of the JMU College of Education. We offer a play-based, learner-driven curriculum that provides our students with unique opportunities to explore, investigate, and discover the world around them.

We pride ourselves in engaging students with the world around them through enrichment opportunities and adventures both on and off-site. We give particular focus to developing resilient learners who can confront challenges, think critically, problem solve, and establish their own version of success in future pursuits. The cornerstone of our philosophy is social emotional development and building resilient learners.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can attend the YCP?

We offer programs for three and four-year-olds, however we are licensed to serve children from ages 2 years and 10 months to 6 years old.

2. What programs does the YCP offer?

We have separate full-day classes for three and four-year-olds. The Full Day program runs Monday—Friday from 8:00am—3:30pm.

We also have a half-day program that combines three and four-year-olds. The Half Day program runs Monday—Friday from 8:30am—11:30am.

3. What are the tuition rates for the YCP?

Tuition for the Full Day program is \$6,000/year, paid over 10 monthly installments of \$600. The Half Day program is \$3,000/year, paid over 10 monthly installments of \$300. Tuition is due on the first of every month August through May.

4. What makes the YCP different from other childcare centers in the area?

The YCP offers many enrichment activities including violin classes, daily adventures, movement classes, and mindfulness classes. We focus on teaching the 7C's of Resiliency in a play-based, learner-driven curriculum.

5. Does the YCP offer after school care?

We have an After School program Monday—Friday from 3:30pm—5:30pm. This program is exclusively for students who are enrolled in our Full Day program.

6. What credibility does the YCP have?

The YCP is a state licensed program accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). All of our teachers have Master's degrees related to early education.

7. Where is the YCP located?

Our facility is located on JMU's campus, in the West wing of Anthony-Seeger Hall. Located in the East wing of Anthony-Seeger Hall is the JMU Police Department.

8. Who can I contact with any questions I have?

Feel free to contact us with any additional questions you may have, or to schedule a tour, you can call our office at **540-568-6089** or email us at youngchildrensprogram@jmu.edu.