



YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Admission Policies

Directed by the College of Education

- New children are admitted to the Young Children's Program as school age 3 and school age 4 to fill vacancies in the classrooms based on the date of application and consideration for the gender and ethnic composition of each class.
- Applications are recorded on the date they are received in the YCP office. Applications remain on file and are reconsidered if vacancies occur.
- Offers of enrollment are made in the Spring prior to the start of school in the fall. A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 per child per year is required to formalize acceptance.
- Tuition is charged for all children enrolled in the Young Children's Program. The amount is communicated in our family handbook. Tuition payments are expected in monthly installments on or before the 1st of each month. Payment through Payroll Deduction is also offered to JMU faculty and staff. Lump sum payments are also acceptable.
- Verification of each child's identity and age is required by the Virginia Department of Education. If you do not have a birth certificate for your child, we encourage you to apply for one as soon as possible.
- Every child entering the Young Children's Program must have a completed physical examination form signed by a physician.
- The Young Children's Program is a laboratory school operated by the JMU College of Education. As such, its mission includes presentation of an exemplary program for young children, as well as educational services to teacher education students and faculty. It is expected that parents who choose to send their child to a laboratory school understand and support the vital role it serves in the development of future education professionals.
- Because the YCP depends on student staff members to provide an appropriate adult-child ratio, days that are missed due to weather emergencies are not made up.
- **To observe a YCP class, please contact the school at 540-568-6089 to make an appointment.**
- Please forward new applications and all correspondence to:

**Young Children's Program
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821 S Main Street, Anthony Seeger Hall, MSC 6811
Harrisonburg, VA 22807**