



## Early Childhood Education Programs at Community College of Vermont

Community College of Vermont and Northern Lights at CCV work in tandem to serve the needs of the early care and learning workforce. Services and programs support both incumbent workers and students aspiring to enter the field.

- Early Childhood Education associate degree and Childcare certificate
- College courses to meet childcare licensing regulations, state credentials, or apprenticeship
- Non-credit trainings
- Education and career advising

**Degree Programs:** In the 2017-2018 academic year, 467 students enrolled in CCV early childhood education programs. Ninety percent of early childhood degree students attended part-time. Many CCV early childhood students are already working in early care and learning professions.

**Flexible Course Formats:** CCV offers early childhood courses in 12 academic centers and online. In spring 2019, CCV is offering 41 sections of early childhood courses: 20 online, 15 on-ground, and 6 hybrid.

**Credit for Work/Life Experience:** Early childhood students participating in CCV's Assessment of Prior Learning course earn an average of 33.8 college credits.

**Recruiting Career & Technical Center Students:** CCV collaborates with Career & Technical Centers to offer college courses to high schools students. Between fall 2016 and spring 2019, CCV offered 20 early childhood courses in Career & Technical Centers serving 171 students.

**Vermont Childcare Apprenticeship:** CCV offers courses required for the Vermont Childcare Apprenticeship Program. Apprenticeship courses can be applied to CCV degrees.

**Articulation Agreements:** CCV has articulation agreements with NVU-Lyndon, UVM, Champlain College, Goddard College, Springfield College, and Union Institute & University to help CCV early childhood associate degree graduates transition to bachelor degree programs.

### **Northern Lights at CCV**

Northern Lights at CCV is nested within CCV and funded through a contract with the Agency of Human Services/Child Development Division. Northern Lights serves as the backbone of the early childhood professional development system and helps to coordinate, develop, and communicate information about professional development offered by Northern Lights and other community partners and agencies.

**Career Advising:** Four Resource Advisors help professionals work towards their career goals, providing information about training and education options, Career Ladder, recognition systems, and referrals to community partners and agencies. Resource Advisors had 1922 of career advising consultations July-December 2018.

**Training:** Northern Lights offers non-credit trainings in all CCV centers for early care and learning professionals. In 2018, 1163 individuals participated in Northern Lights trainings.

### **Costs and Funding**

In-state tuition for CCV courses is \$268 per credit and there is a \$75 administration fee each semester. Tuition and fees for a 3-credit course are \$879.

In spring 2019, 67% of CCV early childhood degree students received one or more types of financial aid, including Pell grants, loans, VSAC grants, and scholarships.

Non-credit trainings offered through Northern Lights are subsidized by grant funds. Participants pay a small fee for each training, usually equivalent to \$5/two hours of training.