

Passaic County Community College  
announces... NEW COURSE!

**Starts Fall 2008**

Thursdays 4:15pm to 6:45pm



**ECE-107**

## **Nurturing the Mental Health of Infants and Toddlers**

First step towards training for the NJ Infant Toddler Credential.  
Scholarship funding through Professional Impact NJ - 908-737-4240

### **What is the NJ Infant Toddler Credential?**

According to the Coalition of Infant/Toddler Educators, "New Jersey has a deep commitment to providing quality child care for the state's infants and toddlers by providing programs that support strong nurturing relationships, cultural competencies and diverse learning styles and needs. The key to quality is the teachers who care for and teach children and families everyday, whether in child care programs, Early Head Start settings, or family care homes. The Infant Toddler Credential was created to elevate teacher's knowledge, skills, and practice."

### **Course Description**

This course explores the essential elements involved in setting the foundation for the mental health and development of infants and toddlers. It examines the importance of identifying and meeting social/emotional needs and how these needs relate to the caregiver's interactive process.

Focusing on two major areas – brain development and social/emotional development, this course integrates the implementation of developmental brain research with the interactive process of caregiving. A specific focus will be applied to developmentally appropriate practices and techniques in the child care setting that influence the beginnings of identity formation and a creative life experience.

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