

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY

Erin K. Gearhart

Erin was born in Bellefonte, PA. She attended the Bellefonte Area High School and then went on to college at SUNY Cortland in Cortland, NY. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education she moved back to Bellefonte where she worked for the Family Intervention Crisis Services Program as a Parent Educator and Family Counselor from 1999-2009. She then transitioned to working in the Early Childhood Program for one year. She then substituted for the Bellefonte and Penns Valley School Districts. She was hired full time by CPI as the Early Childhood Instructor in 2012.

Mrs. Gearhart lives in Bellefonte with her husband and three children. As a family, they enjoy playing outside, going to the beach, and taking mini trips to the zoo and amusement parks.

Mrs. Gearhart enjoys teaching and helping others. She has a passion for children of all ages. This program is perfect for her because she gets to work with preschool children as well as teenage students. She encourages your best work each day and frequently stresses the importance of respect.



A Quote from Mrs. Gearhart

"I really enjoy watching students work with the children in our preschool. The preschool students light up as a teacher engages them in activities. Children are curious and interested in everything and this class allows, not only the preschool children, but the high school students as well, to be themselves and discover new ideas and findings on a daily basis."

FUN FACTS ABOUT MRS. GEARHART

I have been to Alaska twice. I would not live there, but would love to visit again.

I have been to Hawaii once, and would go back, but given the chance I would go to Alaska over Hawaii.

I have worked with children in some capacity since I was 16.

I love to go to the beach and could vacation there all summer.

I have 3 children.

I live next door to my sister.

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certifications



Available Certifications:

CDA Ready Certificate:

The CDA Ready Certificate allows you to be ready for employment after high school graduation. You can show this certificate to an employer which will allow them to know you received training in this field. You will then finish the requirements for your CDA Certificate. In the Early Childhood program, you can also become certified in First Aid and CPR and also ServSafe.

Student Cost: Free

CPR /First Aid

Learn to recognize several life-threatening emergencies, provide CPR to victims of all ages, use an AED, and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner.

Student Cost: Ranges between \$6.00 - \$20.00

ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification

Training covers these concepts:

- The Importance of Food Safety
- Good Personal Hygiene
- Time and Temperature Control
- Preventing Cross-Contamination
- Cleaning and Sanitizing
- Safe Food Preparation
- Receiving and Storing Food
- Methods of Thawing, Cooking, Cooling and Reheating Food
- HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points)
- Food Safety Regulations
- And more . . .

Student Cost: Free

Better Kid Care Classes

Available through Penn State

Student Cost: Free

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OUTSIDE CLASSROOM WORK & THINGS YOU'LL NEED



Outside Classroom Work:

Very little homework is given. Attendance is important. If attendance is poor then there is homework.

Things you'll need:

- You need lots of energy for this class.
- A uniform is required.
- At times it may be necessary to purchase supplies.