

WePlaySmart™ TABLE

AT THE EFFIE BENNETT-POWE CHILDCARE CENTER



THE EFFIE BENNETT-POWE CHILDCARE CENTER AT SUNY COBLESKILL will incorporate the Hatch WePlaySmart padded multi-touch table into instructional programs for preschoolers. The WePlaySmart table is a learning tool which provides a technology experience for young children while encouraging social-emotional development. Its innovative design allows four children to work together as a team while interacting with educational computer games designed to encourage cooperative play.

There is an extensive library of learning games for SUNY Cobleskill Early Childhood students and preschool teachers to use as lesson plans and integrate into an age-appropriate curriculum. These games will also provide opportunities to develop math, literacy, social studies and science skills for children ages 2-5.

This table is also able to save a collection of audio recordings of children's conversations during play throughout the school year. Teachers can listen to the children interacting and develop a set of assessment tools to aid them in making informed observations about the social-emotional development of each child.

With the acquisition of the WePlaySmart table, SUNY Cobleskill's Early Childhood students will benefit from observing the latest tools available as they learn how to educate young children. This interactive table gives students the opportunity to try out current equipment in the education field. Furthermore, the design of this table encourages a group setting which meets the needs of children 2-5 years old in a preschool classroom setting.

Academic Programs Advanced:

- Early Childhood Studies – Birth to Age 5 (B.S.)
- Child & Family Services (A.S.)
- Early Childhood (A.A.S.)

Faculty:

- Kathleen Puciato
- Nancy Collins

Alumni:

- Shaun Merrill '04—Waterloo Middle School Assistant Principal

Features of the Hatch WePlaySmart Table

- Cost = \$9,345
- Focuses on Four Developmental Areas:
 - Executive Function
 - Social Competence
 - Behavior Control
 - Emotional Control
- 42" Screen
- Pre-installed software with 275+ activities
- Keyboard with touchpad, keyboard shelf, cleaning kit, surge protector and cord cover
- Integrated Recording & Image Capture System (microphones, audio mixer and webcam)
- Surface Light Wave Technology with 32 touchpoints
- OS: Windows 7
- Height: 23.5"
- Weight: 115 lbs.