

TUITION AND FEES

We make every effort to provide an affordable child care option for families who are part of the University of Maine and surrounding communities. Our per semester tuition is:

\$200 for 2 days/week

\$300 for 4 days/week



REGISTRATION

Early applications are recommended due to an extensive waiting list. A link to the wait list form and additional information about the center available at our website:



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KATHERINE MILES DURST CHILD DEVELOPMENT LEARNING CENTER

**Pre-Kingergarten and
Nursery School**





ABOUT

Established in 1931, the Katherine Miles Durst Child Development Learning center is one of the oldest university-affiliated nursery schools in the United States. In addition to meeting the needs of young children for nearly 100 years, it serves as a laboratory classroom for University of Maine students, providing a range of experiences for college students in early childhood education, family studies, teacher preparation and related programs. University students in their practicum courses use the facility to observe and interact with young children and see first-hand how they learn and grow. An observation booth with a separate entrance is built into the facility. Parents are always welcome to observe the activities taking place at the learning center.

Our programs follow UMaine's academic calendar.



OUR PROGRAMS

Pre-kindergarten

- Designed for children 4 - 5 1/2 years old.
- Children attend four afternoons a week, Mon. - Thurs., 12:30-3 p.m.
- Individual and small group learning activities are planned around children's interests.

Nursery School

- Multi-age program designed for children 33 months - 4 1/2 years old.
- Children can attend four morning a week (Mon. - Thurs.) or two mornings a week (Mon. & Wed. or Tues. & Thurs.), 9-11 a.m.
- Individual and small group learning activities are planned around children's interests.
- One teacher for every eight children.

Infant/Toddler Program

- Children can attend one day a week with a parent and/or guardian (Wed. or Thurs.), 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Play-based environment with weekly focus on a variety of topics based on children's and parent's interests.
- Free of charge.



OUR GOALS

At the Katherine Miles Durst Child Development Learning Center we strive to:

- Provide a child-centered environment, inviting independent and group learning through exploration and investigation.
- Provide a variety of experiences, materials and activities that include opportunities for both concrete and abstract learning.
- Develop autonomy by providing a flexible schedule in an inclusive environment where children may

make choices, meet success and develop independence.

- Provide a planned curriculum that contributes to the total

development of each child in the following areas:

Creativity: Self-expression, imagination, questioning, problem-solving

Cognition: Communication, listening, comprehension, phonological awareness, print concepts, early writing, numbers and number sense, patterns, shapes, scientific process and knowledge, decision-making

Social Skills: Cooperation, sharing, taking turns, leadership, problem-solving

Emotional: Self-control, self-concept, social competence

Physical: Gross motor and fine motor skills, healthy habits