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OCVTS Program: Child Care Profession, Brick Center - Laura Morelli, Instructor and Amy Mayer, Aide  
Student: Erin Lee (left)

Employer: Beachwood Nursery School, Beachwood - Michelle Newman-Keenan, Director (right)

Website: [beachwoodnurseryschool.com](http://beachwoodnurseryschool.com)

Established in 1986, the Beachwood Nursery School provides early childhood education for children ages infant through kindergarten in Ocean County. The Director, Michelle Newman-Keenan, stated that Erin began working for BNS during the summer of 2013. She assisted the preschool teachers by playing with the children through games, singing songs, utilizing manipulatives and reading stories. Once Erin graduated from high school, she began working five days a week as a float assistant. She continues to assist the teachers on a daily basis by caring for the children and being a team player. The staff at BNS is happy that Erin is part of their NAEYC accredited center.

When asked about OCVTS, Erin replied, “Taking the Child Care Profession Program at Ocean County Vocational Technical School has really helped me gain the skills I need to be an assistant preschool teacher. It has really taught me some important life skills. Teaching preschool age kids is exactly what I want to do in life.”

Laura Morelli, Instructor and Amy Mayer, Child Care Aide stated, “We are thrilled that Erin is working full time in the child care industry after completing one year in the Child Care Profession Program. We wish her good luck!”