

# Educator Training Sessions

Putnam Museum and Science Center

Saturday, October 10, 2026

9:00 AM–12:00 PM & 1:00–4:00 PM

FREE, Space is Limited.



*The Putnam is excited to offer hands-on professional learning opportunities designed specifically for early childhood educators. These sessions are led by the Iowa Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education, housed at the UNI College of Education—a leader in innovative, research-based curriculum for children from birth through age 8.*

## Unit Block Structures: Engineers in the Making | 9 AM - 12 PM

Discover how block play builds the foundation for early STEM learning. In this interactive workshop, participants explore balance, force, and motion through collaborative design challenges—mirroring the way young learners naturally experiment in the block center. Classroom photos and videos will demonstrate how block play strengthens spatial reasoning and engineering thinking in PK–2nd grade.

## Engineering the Direction of Objects with Ramps & Pathways | 1 PM - 4 PM

This hands-on workshop allows educators to explore the STEM-rich Ramps & Pathways experience for PreK–2nd grade. Participants will design, build, and test systems to move objects, experiencing firsthand how children learn through trial, error, and problem-solving. The session also highlights how these materials can support literacy and deeper learning in early childhood classrooms.

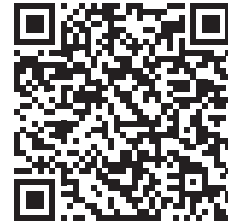
## Session Details:

- Designed for Preschool & Kindergarten teachers, as well as interested 1st–2nd grade educators
- Each workshop is 3 hours
- Space is limited to 15 participants per session
- All participants receive one free Putnam STEM Outreach session for one class at their site
- All participants will receive a certificate of completion and a \$40 stipend in the form of a gift card for each session they participate in.

# REGISTER HERE:

## Unit Block Structures: Engineers in the Making

Saturday, October 10  
9 AM - 12 PM



## Engineering the Direction of Objects with Ramps & Pathways

Saturday, October 10  
1 PM - 4 PM

