

Course Descriptions

Child Development

CD 1023 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

This course covers the history and realities of the early childhood profession. Students will cover the legal and ethical responsibilities that early childhood professionals must follow. Students will be able to identify best practices for developmentally appropriate environments for children in a variety of settings. They will be able to evaluate goals and objectives for early childhood settings. This course will meet competency goals number I, II, V and VI.

CD 1043 Children's Music, Movement, & Art

Emphasizes the acquisition of knowledge of and the ability to develop and implement learning experiences, using the concepts and tools of inquiry in music, movement and creative arts and perpetual motor development. Understanding and appreciating the role of the arts in the development of young children, providing them with meaningful experiences in the arts is also covered. Course combines class-room instruction, hands on activities and observations of young children in group care to develop competence in the design and implementation of curriculum and instructional strategies related to music, movement and creative arts.

CD 1053 Children's Health, Safety, & Nutrition

Students will be able to identify and implement best practices for health, safety and nutrition in a variety of early childhood settings. Incorporating policies and procedures for early childhood settings along with national and state standards will be discussed. This course will meet competency goals number I, II, V and VI.

CD 1083 Curriculum Development

This course covers how to create, evaluate, and select developmentally appropriate materials, equipment and environments that support children's learning in an early childhood setting. The course will focus on the design, implementation of curriculum with emphasis on developmentally, individually, culturally and creatively appropriate practices. Students will demonstrate the planning process, determine concepts and skills with assessment and evaluation based on different ages and individual differences.

CD 2013 Behavior, Development and Guidance of Children

This course will cover child development from birth to eight years of age emphasizing the causes of behavior in young children in a child care setting will be introduced. Strategies necessary in implementing positive child guidance techniques within an environment of acceptance and positive regard for all children and families will be explored. Students will be able to demonstrate an ability to communicate and work collaboratively with families. This course will meet competency goals number III, IV, V and VI.

CD 2023 Children with Special Needs

Emphasis on implementing practical strategies and inclusive practices. Provide understanding of conditions, which affect children's development and learning, including risk factors, developmental variations and developmental patterns of specific disabilities. Content covers how to create and modify environments and experiences to meet individual needs of children with disabilities, developmental delays and special abilities. Course also includes opportunities to evaluate and demonstrate appropriate use of technology with young children, including assistive technologies. Knowledge of state and federal legislation related to providing services for children with disabilities and their families is also emphasized. Course combines lecture, hands-on and observations.

CD 2033 Children's Language Arts & Literature

This course will explore language development for children birth to eight years, including the interrelationships among listening, speaking, pre-writing and pre-reading skills. The student will be able to observe and outline developmental milestones of language development and communication in children. Focus on the educators' and families' roles in promoting emergent literacy in a developmentally appropriate setting. The student will review children's literature and be design effective techniques to enhance language development with emphasis on a multicultural approach.

CD 2043 Child & Family in Society

This course focuses on an understanding of how children develop within the context of the family and

society. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of how diverse families, an early childhood setting and society can work together for the optimum development of children, with emphasis on American subcultures. Methods for communication, parent involvement within these settings will be discussed.

CD 2083 Child Development Practicum

The student will develop individual records of planning, implementation, parent/teacher conferences within an early childhood setting. Students will do observations of a variety of early childhood settings identifying developmentally appropriate environments, inclusiveness, equipment, activities as well as health, safety. Students will also demonstrate proficiency through instructor observation in an early childhood setting.

CD 2113 Child Development in the Human Lifespan

The study of development across the lifespan from conception to death. The principles of development, developmental theories, and the dynamics of development through a global multicultural approach within the context of the family, society, and culture.

CD 2143 Preschool Programming

This course covers how to create, evaluate, and select developmentally appropriate materials, equipment and environments that support children's learning specific to children three years to six years. The course will focus on the design, implementation of curriculum with emphasis on developmentally, individually, culturally and creatively appropriate practices. Students will demonstrate the planning process and determine concepts and skills with assessment and evaluation based on preschoolers and their individual differences.

CD 2243 Infant & Toddler Programming

This course covers how to create, evaluate, and select developmentally appropriate materials, equipment and environments that support children's learning specific to children's birth through 36 months. The course will focus on the design, implementation of curriculum with emphasis on developmentally, individually, culturally and creatively appropriate practices. Students will demonstrate the planning process and determine concepts and skills with assessment and evaluation based on infant and toddlers and their individual differences.

CD 2313 Administration & Management of Child Care Programs

This course is an overview of administration of an early childhood program. Setting goals and developing objectives for staff recruitment, personnel policies and supervision will be discussed. State and national standards, along with how to implement developmentally appropriate practice, will be addressed. Students will study recordkeeping along with development and implementation of a budget.