

### EDUC 210, Child Development I

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"We believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside. Give them the sense of pride - to make life easier. Let the children's laughter, remind us how we used to be." - Michael Masser

EDUC 210 introduces students to the process through which a young child develops a sense of self within a socio-cultural system. Students will learn the significance of a supportive interpersonal environment for child development. They will evaluate theories of child development, various ways of assessing young children across all domains, and strategies to support child development in an early childhood care setting. Emphasis will be given to the critical role of families in nurturing child development and learning, as well as collaborating with other professionals to effectively support families and their young children. This course builds on the earlier learning from EDUC 100.2 and EDUC 160. All students taking this course must have a 2.7 GPA. EDUC 210 has a 40-hour field experience. Current clearances are required. Refer to Moravian College Field Experience Manual.

# **EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK:**

To develop professionals who become educational leaders because they think and act critically in a collaborative environment. Our goal is to transform lives through pursuing the values of academic excellence, collaboration, diversity and life-long learning; to the commitment to technology and best practices; to focus on each individual child and family; and to teach so that words and actions inspire a will to learn.

#### **PURPOSE OF COURSE:**

The purpose of this course is to present foundations of knowledge about child development in the domains of social and emotional development, physical and motor development, cognition and language development, and sensory and perceptual development. The students will acquire the background and skills necessary to analyze developmental theories as they apply to child development in their field experience. The concepts will be foundational for all other courses in early childhood education.

#### PRINCIPLES FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN BRITH TO AGE NINE:

The Early Childhood program will prepare educational professionals who are capable to serve a diverse population of young children and their families in a wide variety of educational settings. For each course there will be specific content material offered and experienced, but there are a number of principles that will be prevalent throughout the ECE certification program. These principles are:

- It is a given belief that all children can learn and it is the educational program that must be altered to support the learning of each individual child and his/her family. This would include children with cultural-linguistic diversity and children with special needs.
- Developmentally appropriate practice and research-based learning will be the bases for all course work and experiences. Whole group, small group and individual activities will be developed in a variety formats so that children can learn in varied domains. The use of national and Pennsylvania standards has been incorporated in the content of all courses to foster the growth of young children from infancy to grade four.

## **ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What is *Early Childhood Education* and *Development?*
- 2. What are the current trends affecting early childhood education?
- 3. What are the standards for high-quality early childhood programs and why is quality important?
- 4. What do teachers need to know about young children (birth to five years) in order to support learning and development?
- 5. How do teachers assess young children and embed intentional instruction throughout the curriculum and to link PDE standards?
- 6. How do teachers embrace cultural, linguistic, and learning differences in their classroom incorporating and respecting various traditions, values, and parental involvement?

# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

1. Describe the relevant and current legislation, theoretical perspectives, and research related to early childhood education (IE -1-4).

- 2. Observe and describe early communication, cognition, physical/motor, social-emotional, and sensory perceptual developmental milestones of infants (IC 3 11; IA 3).
- 3. Describe the importance of parental roles, collaboration with parents and other professionals in respect for individual family culture and decisions (IA 6-9).
- 4. Understand the major theories pertaining to infant development, family systems, family development and functioning, and the parental role in the development of the infant (IE 1-4; ID 1-6).
- 5. Identify child and family characteristics that impact parent-child interaction during various contexts (e.g., play, joint book reading, routines and activities in the home environment) (IC 12 a-g).
- 6. Describe the essential aspects of a family-centered, relationship-based philosophy to service provision including its effectiveness and contrast with other models (IE 1-4).
- 7. Demonstrate ability to interact with and engage parents using effective communication strategies and methods of active listening; identify strategies for promoting effective hometo-childcare setting communication for families (IA 6, 7, 8).
- 8. Demonstrate effective modeling techniques and strategies, non-verbal and verbal communication skills to promote age-appropriate, child-led play practices (IF 1-3; IA 2).
- 9. Evaluate selected assessment tools and determine their appropriateness for use with infants (IA 7; IB 1-2; IC 3 and 5).
- 10. Practice effective facilitation skills for eliciting representative behavior during an assessment with an infant; and interpret assessment results for goal setting to support development in infants (IC 3, 4, 5 a-d).
- 11. Utilize a family-systems perspective in assessment for early intervention service provision for infants with special needs (IA 6-9; IC 10-11; IE 1).
- 12. Approach working with diverse families with an open mind, and a respectful, supportive and understanding demeanor regardless of personal beliefs or biases (IC 12 a e; IE 3-4).
- 13. Focus on every child and family, and their appropriate needs (IF 1-3).

# **LEARNING ACCOMMODATIONS:**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any student has the right to request reasonable accommodations for a disability. Accommodations can be requested through the Academic Support Services on campus. Please note that you will need to present documentation of your disability to the Disabilities Office. Students are encouraged to contact the appropriate individual as soon as possible to enhance the likelihood that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion. Accommodations cannot be provided until the instructor has received appropriate authorization. Moravian College does not discriminate in any of its programs on the basis of disability.

Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center. Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Elaine Mara, assistant director of learning services for academic and disability support at 1307 Main Street, or by calling 610-861-1510.

#### **TECHNOLOGY STATEMENT:**

Integrated into all coursework are identified competencies in the use of technology. Technology will be used to enhance the learning experience, to address learning modalities, to model good teaching, and to increase content knowledge. Smart Board technology will be available to faculty and students. All syllabi, agendas, assignments, and journal articles will be placed on Blackboard. Students have access to web searches and library holdings through databases both on and off campus. Computer labs, MAC and PC, are available.

## **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Allen, K.E., & Marotz, L.R. (2000). By the Ages: Behavior & Development of Children Pre-Birth through Eight. Delmar Thomson Learning.

Black, M., Puckett, B., Wittmer, D. & Petersen, S. (2009). *The Young Child: Development from Prebirth Through Age Eight, 5/E*: NJ: Merrill

Bullard, Julie. (2010). Creating Environments for Learning: Birth to Age Eight. NJ: Merrill

NAEYC Developmentally Appropriate Practices

Copy of PDE Early Childhood Learning Standards or ECE -LS (Infant – Kindergarten) – Downloaded from

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/departmental\_offices/7235/p/1188258

#### FIELD COMPONENT STATEMENT:

Students registered for EDUC 210 must be simultaneously registered for the associated lab or field practicum. You must attend <u>one</u> of the two following meetings held by Mrs. Modjadidi:

- August 29th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in PPHAC 102
- August 30th, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. in PPHAC 102

The purpose of the field experience is to provide students with appropriate classroom experiences in a developmental and sequential manner. All field experiences are directly related to coursework and must be successfully completed to pass the education course. Students are required to follow all the procedures and guidelines as outlined in the field experience handbooks, and course syllabi. Failure to accurately report attendance and performance will be considered a violation of academic honesty policy and will result in appropriate sanctions as outlined in the Student Handbook. The Director of Field Experiences is responsible for securing all field placements. Students will be placed in field experiences only when all required clearances documents are current and indicate, "no record exists". Students are also required to have a negative result on a current tuberculosis test. For more detail about field experiences, refer to the Moravian College Field Experience Manual. You are expected to spend four hours per week for a total of ten weeks in your field experiences between September 24th and December 7, 2012. During your field experiences, you will observe your cooperating teacher as she/he teaches, discuss teaching methods with your cooperating teacher, and have the opportunity to teach students yourself. Your conduct and dress must meet Moravian College standards. Assignments related to the field experience are explained below.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Academic Honesty = Follow the academic honesty policy as stated in the 2010-2011 Student Handbook on page 46. <a href="http://www.moravian.edu/studentLife/handbook/Handbook08.pdf">http://www.moravian.edu/studentLife/handbook/Handbook08.pdf</a>. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in failing this course. All violations of academic honesty reported to the Dean are also shared with the Teacher Education Committee at the time the candidate's application for student teaching is being considered. In the past, such violations have prevented the Committee from approving some candidates for student teaching.

Attendance for Class = Attendance in class is very important. Should a personal emergency arise it is important that you let me know this as soon as possible. This will assist me in the design of small group team projects. Please call when you are going to be absent for that day. Missing more than one class will lower your grade significantly. Arriving late or leaving early will also be noted. If you do not have an acceptable reason (with documentation), your final grade will reflect it (e.g., 2 absences = one whole grade lower; 3 absences = two full grades lower).

Attendance for Field Experiences - Regular attendance at the field experience is also essential. I am asking your cooperating teacher to provide you with a professional experience. This, in turn, requires a sense of professional responsibility from you. The cooperating teacher to whom you are assigned will maintain an attendance sheet. A minimum of 40-hours is required, but you are expected to attend at your scheduled time through the week of December even if the 40-hour minimum is achieved. An unexcused absence in your field experience will result in termination of the experience and a failing grade in the course. If you must miss a scheduled session at your school due to illness or emergency, you must call your school and make sure that a message gets to your cooperating teacher and call Mrs. Modjadidi, Director of Field Experiences.

**<u>Food</u>**: Water is allowed, but we will be moving around too much to be eating.

<u>Cell Phones</u>: Turn them off. If there is an emergency, you can make arrangements with me before class. If your cell goes off, you will be asked to bring in a snack for everyone the next day we have class.

<u>Expected Work Load</u>: For this course, it is expected that you will work between 8-10 hours for preparation for each class outside of class.

<u>References and formatting</u>: Use the Publication of the American Psychological Association (Current edition) for references and formatting of  $y_0$ ur papers.

Grading Scale: The evaluation of each assignment will be based upon the following criteria.

<b>A</b> 94-100% A- = 90-93%	Superior knowledge regarding details, assumptions, implications, superior thinking with information relevant to application, critique, and relationship to other information. Your work goes beyond requirements and shows perception and insightfulness.
<b>B</b> 84-86% B-= 80-83% B+= 87-89%	More than adequate knowledge regarding technical terms, distinctions, and possesses an ability to use information. You go beyond the requirements enhancing your work by adding additional resources, related areas or topics.
C 74-76% C- = 70-73% C+ = 77-79%	Basic knowledge needed to function and carry on learning regarding major principles, central terms, major figures, also possesses an awareness of early childhood field. You meet all requirements adequately.

Check your student handbook for more specific grade percentages.

It is within the instructor's purview to apply qualitative judgment in determining grades for all of your assignments and your final grade for this course.

#### Late work:

• A <u>written explanation</u> handed in on due date; the "Work" will be evaluated and lowered only a half grade if handed in by the end of due week; an additional late week with written explanation means one grade lower.

#### Written work requirements:

- You will need a ½ "notebook with a plastic cover for insert title page for this class.
- All handed in written work (i.e., weekly outlines or graphic organizers, field experience reflections, projects) needs to be done on a computer (12-font) and placed in your notebook. Please use your spell checker. Meaning and mechanics both are graded. All work needs to be organized and identified (name and date).
- Please do not hand in work in paper or plastic folders or page holders.

# **Class Time Arrangements:**

We meet <u>three</u> times per week for this class. Some of the time, we will review our text through large group activities, pair-share type activities, video dialogue, and the Internet. Other times, we will interact with mini lessons and student presentations. Weeks may vary, but I will give you an advanced weekly schedule.

<u>COURSE REQUIREMENTS</u> There exists a philosophy in assessment of learning that suggests the use of multiple methods uncover the most accurate information about student understanding and progress. Multi methods of assessment address the needs of diverse learners. That is, some learners express their thoughts and ideas verbally or through more in-depth written or creative projects, while others feel most comfortable participating in a written exam. In response to these ideas about assessment, students in this course will be evaluated in the following areas:

#### 1. Professional Participation - Weekly Critical Thinking/Discussions/Outlines (10 points)

Professional behavior and participation are vital to your role as a learner and educator. Attendance, punctuality, and coming prepared to learn, and to collaborate with others are all essential professional behaviors. Please come on time and prepared to incorporate reflections on the reading, personal experiences, opinions and questions in a positive, responsible and professional manner. Each person will need to be actively involved with class discussions, prepared to present given tasks to the whole class and remain engaged while others are presenting. Attendance and participation will be calculated weekly and averaged. It will be worth 10% of your total grade (see **Professional Participation Rubric**).

#### Professional Participation Rubric (10 points)

Attendance	Participation
Attended class for the week; arrived and left	Strong participation; Collaborates well with others
class on time.	(e.g., encouraged discussion in group; shared ideas
	with group) and comes to class having read
	materials and very prepared with entire
	outline/graphic organizer fully complete.
1/2 point	1/2 point
Attended class for the week; arrived late or	Participates when called on, supports group
left early one time OR missed class.	projects but does not seem to have read the chapter;
	inconsistency of information provided to group OR
	very disengaged in class discussions or group work
	<ul> <li>does not seem prepared for class.</li> </ul>
0 points	0 points
TOTAL POINTS	

<sup>\*</sup>Students receive one point for attendance and for each outline/organizer complete each week.

#### 2. "Be the Expert" Paper and Oral Presentation: From Theory to Practice (10 points)

Choose <u>one</u> topic on child development (see topics and sign-up sheet). Be prepared to become the expert on the topic. Discuss the topic thoroughly with research-based documentation, provide real-life examples from your field experience or case studies, and apply it to practical ways that early childhood professionals support child development in at least one developmental domain

(e.g., social-emotional development; language development, physical and motor development; cognitive development). All papers should be three- pages in length and utilize proper APA format. All writing assignments must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font and spell-checked; you will be expected to provide accurate documentation and proper citation of all quoted, paraphrased or inspired material. You will present a 10-minute overview to the class of your topic and supporting material (e.g., websites, current books/resources) in a Power Point Presentation (see "Be the Expert" and Oral Presentation Rubric).

**3.** Early Childcare Field Experience – Intentional Involvement/Reflection Papers (5 reflection activities/papers x 5 points each = 25 points). Each one has specific guidelines/activities with a <u>five-page</u> paper (with additional checklists when appropriate).

EDUC 210 is designed to expose students to issues concerning child development in all learning domains, working with professionals in the field, and collaborating with families. Students will conduct <u>intentional activities</u> working with a professional from the field and using assigned observational instruments. These activities connect to weekly course material and will be graded using the attached **Intentional Involvement/Reflection Rubric**.

Observation/Reflection Paper #1 (due 10/12/12): Through discussion with your FE mentor/observations in the classroom, and your own readings, reflect on these specific issues regarding early childhood programs; (1) overall program philosophy and educational goals for the families and their young children, (2) how communication is established with parents (caregivers), (3) overall learning environment objectives and mission statement, (4) daily programs and schedule for the infants/young children, (5) physical arrangement of the program and learning environment, (6) assessments that may be used with infants/young children, (7) materials/toys used to support learning for the infants/young children for the specific domains (i.e., physical/motor, social-emotional, cognition, language-literacy), and (8) support services/activities offered to families and their young children with special needs. Compare and reflect on your FE information/observation to what you now know about Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) for young children (TYC Chapters 1-5) AND the learning environment (CEL Chapters 1-5). Also include; CEL Figure 2.4 on pages 46-47; Figure 3.3. on page 71, and Figure 5.6 on page 101.

Observation/Reflection Paper #2 (due 10/26/12): Through discussion with your FE mentor/observations in the classroom, and your own readings, reflect on these specific issues regarding engaging young children in the learning process; (1) How the early childhood professional interacts with the young children, (2) How the professional specifically supports the young children's development/learning in the following areas: social-emotional development, cognition, language and pre-literacy development, and physical and motor development? (2) What adult behaviors elicit and help the children develop in each domain?, and (3) What activities/lessons and materials support the young children's learning? Reflect on the knowledge gained in class regarding each developmental domain (TYC Chapters 6-10) and the learning environment (CEL Chapters 8, 11, & 12) and link that knowledge to the specific activities observed at your field experience. Also include; CEL Figure 8.3 on page 161; Figure 11.3. on page 227, and Figure 12.2 on page 245.

Observation/Reflection Paper #3 (due 11/16/12): Through discussion with your FE mentor/observations in the classroom, and your own readings, reflect on these specific issues regarding family involvement and communication; (1) How the early childhood professional interacts with parents or caregivers at the field placement, including various ways that the professional establishes a trustful-honest relationship, utilizes open-ended questions and active listening skills, (2) Ways that family members can be involved in the early child care program – especially families who are culturally-linguistically diverse or speak a second language?, (3) How communication is achieved between family members/significant caregivers who are linguistically diverse or ELL? Reflect on the knowledge gained in class and the learning environment (CEL Chapters 18) and link that knowledge to the specific activities observed at your field experience. Also include; CEL Figure 18.4 on page 370.

Lesson Plan Activity/Reflection Paper #4 (due 11/30/12): You will utilize a child behavior checklist and PDE Infant Early Learning Standards (as demonstrated in class) with one identified target infant or toddler. The infant or toddler can be identified from the child care center, a friend's child, a niece or nephew, or a neighbor's baby. Reflect on; (1) ways that you interacted with the infant/toddler in order to elicit behaviors from all the domains of development, (2) analyze the child's developmental areas across all domains of development/learning. Choose one area of development (e.g., language, cognition, physical-motor, social-emotional development) and design a well-planned intentional lesson plan with all PDE lesson plan elements (e.g., essential question, specific objectives, specific activity (with materials or toys) to support the infant/toddler's learning in that specific developmental domain (see PDE Infant/Toddler ELS).

Lesson Plan Activity/Reflection Paper #5 (due 12/7/12): You will utilize a child behavior checklist (as demonstrated in class) with one identified target preschooler. The young child can be identified from the child care center, a friend/family member's child, or a neighbor's preschooler. Reflect on; (1) ways that you interacted with the preschooler in order to elicit behaviors from the various domains of development, (2) analyze the child's developmental areas across all domains of learning. Choose one area of development (e.g., language, cognition, social-emotional development) and design a lesson plan with all PDE lesson plan elements (e.g., essential question, specific objectives, specific activity (with materials or toys) to support the preschooler's learning in that specific developmental domain (see PDE Preschool ELS).

#### 4. Parent Resource Workshop Event (20 points) Due 12/3/2012

Imagine that you are an early childhood educator. You have been invited to speak to families with young children (birth to 5) for a well-known early childhood center about <u>one</u> specific topic in early childhood (e.g., social-emotional connection during the first year, attachment, temperament, developing a sense of trust between parent and child, supporting early language development, joint book reading with toddlers, supporting motor and physical development in natural settings, ways to include fathers and other significant caregivers in infant care). Design a workshop/event that will inform parents (and significant caregivers) about this topic. Include visuals, websites, resources, books, and a list of <u>specific</u> creative and fun ways to support their child's development within this topic. Include a take-home brochure of your information for the parents. You will share your brochure with the class. Each student is to develop a PowerPoint presentation of a workshop suitable for parents/caregivers of young children (infants – kindergarten). The workshop should be in outline form, but completed as fully as possible so that

you can go back at a later date and add material in more detail to actually use. The material for the presentation will be gleaned from the class as well as any material from the Internet, library, and other resources. Information should be properly cited and the presentation of the PowerPoint project should be 10-minutes in length. The format for the workshop should be considered to be a two hour event. Appropriate breaks and snacks should be considered in the planning. A table of contents and an outline of the workshop's execution should be part of the PowerPoint presentation. What information you decide to include in the workshop is up to you. There is no set outline of topics to be presented to the parents. How you present the topic to the parents is also up to you. You may be as creative as you like while still presenting useful information. However, keep in mind that the topic is focused on child development and that this project should be useful to you when you are teaching in the field. Evaluation of the project will be based on preparation and execution of the PowerPoint workshop presentation, the effectiveness of the workshop for parents, and the materials and resources used.

## **5. Quizzes** (2 x 5 points = 10 points) **and Final Exam** (25 points)

There will be two quizzes throughout the semester (see schedule) and one final exam. The final exam is cumulative, but will mainly focus on the material from the midterm to final. The final exam will consist of higher-order thinking, open-ended questions - with the use of case studies/vignettes to apply the material learned throughout the course.

*Grading Policy:* The following distribution indicates the points that will be awarded for the course requirements:

Required Assignments	Points Possible
Participation/Weekly Critical Thinking and Discussions	10
Be the Expert - From Theory to Practice	10
Intentional Involvement/Reflection Papers (5 x 5 points = 25)	25
Parent Resource Workshop Event	20
Quizzes (2 x 5 points = 10)	10
Final Exam	25
Total	100

# "Be the Expert": From Theory to Practice

CRITERIA	2 POINTS	1 POINT	0 POINTS
Synthesis of Theory, Research and Practical Applications	Well written 3-page paper with introduction and concluding paragraphs, stated ideas in logical organization, includes main points.	Paper includes the main points of the theory, but may lack introduction or conclusion and/or logical organization.	Information is presented, but main points are not clearly delineated.
Research Criteria	Research is from peer-reviewed journals or other sources and cited in APA style at the end of the paper.	Limited research from peer- reviewed journals. Length of paper is not appropriate.	Very limited research (e.g., research is from only one source of information). Length of paper is not appropriate.
APA Style and Conventions	Correct APA Style throughout entire paper, no spelling or grammatical errors.	Mostly correct APA Style and no more than 5 spelling or grammatical errors present.	Paper is not written in APA Style or more than 5 spelling and/or grammatical errors present.
Presentation Skills	Clear articulation, proper volume, steady rate, good posture & eye contact throughout entire presentation.	Clear articulation, but not as polished, some inconsistencies with volume, rate, posture, and eye contact.	Unclear speech, little or no eye contact, rate too fast or too slow, little expression, inaudible or two loud.
Discussion/Audience Response	Well-planned discussion questions, held audience's attention.	Not well-planned questions, discussion may have gone off topic.	No discussion planned with class.

# Early Childhood Field Experience – Intentional Involvement and Reflection Rubric (5 points)

Criteria	1 point	½ point	0 points
Observation – Reflection Questions	Addressed all parts of the assignment.	Addressed some parts of assignment.	Minimally addressed the assignment.
Data Collection	Evidence that data was collected from observation with examples for each.	Evidence that some data was collected from observation with few examples.	Data collection was limited with only 1 example included.
Summary	Summary synthesized explicitly what was seen and heard at the setting.	Parts of the summary were unclear what exactly was seen and heard at the setting.	Summary was vague and it was unclear what was observed at the setting.
Details	Multiple examples were included throughout the summary to support the observation.	Some details were included to support the observation.	Few or no details were included to support the observation.
Conventions	Summary was free of spelling and grammatical errors.	Summary has up to three grammar and/or spelling errors.	More that three spelling and/or grammar errors were present.

**Parent Workshop Event Oral Presentation Rubric** 

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CRITERIA	2 POINTS	1 POINT	0 POINTS	
Synthesis of Research	Well written colorful PP and brochure with logical ideas and organization, includes main points.	Brochure includes the main points, but may lack logical organization.	Information is presented, but main points are not clearly delineated.	
Intentional Practical Applications for Parents	Very creative practical ideas for parents to utilize in the home and other natural environments.	Limited practical ideas for parents.	Brochure does not include any new creative ideas for parents at all.	
APA Style and Conventions	Correct APA Style throughout entire brochure, no spelling or grammatical errors.	Mostly correct APA Style and no more than 5 spelling or grammatical errors present.	Brochure is not written in APA Style; >5 spelling and/or grammatical errors present.	
Presentation Skills	Clear articulation, proper volume, steady rate, good posture & eye contact throughout entire presentation.	Clear articulation, but not as polished, some inconsistencies with volume, rate, posture, and eye contact.	Unclear speech, little or no eye contact, rate too fast or too slow, little expression, inaudible or two loud.	
Discussion/Audience Response	Well-planned discussion questions, held audience's attention.	Not well-planned questions, discussion may have gone off topic.	No discussion planned with class.	

# COURSE SCHEDULE FOR EDUC 210 – Fall, 2012 – M, W, and F 1:10-2:20 p.m. Room 302 Child Development I

Week/Date	Overall Topics/Homework	Classroom Activities	PDE Competency
Week 1	Introduction to Course and Overview of Early Childhood Development (birth – K)	8/27 – Syllabus/Text Overview	I. E. 1: Current issues; historical and
8/27 – 8/31	Topics: Overview of Child Development; NAEYC and Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP); Current status of EC programs in US and Professional Organizations  Homework: TYC Chapter 1 and 2, BD Chapter 1, & CEL Chapter 1 (Outline 1)	8/29 - Group Gathering: Reflective writing of your own EC years; earliest memories; chart a life time line of your early experiences. Link ages with significant events/teachers.  8/31 - Video Reflection/Discussion: "The Science of EC Development" and "NAEYC's DAP"	philosophical background; current philosophy of inclusionary practices in ECE settings; I. D. 1-6: Developmentally appropriate practices
Week 2	Importance of Early Childhood Development	9/3 – <u>Labor Day</u>	Theories of development.
9/3 – 9/7	Topics: Evolution of Child Study; Current research and theory of ECD, UPK and Head Start studies; NCLB; Current IDEA and family-centered intervention (IFSP versus IEP); Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-R)  Homework: TYC Chapter 3, BD Chapter 2, & CEL Chapter 2 (Outline 2)	9/5 - Group Jigsaw Activity: Venn Diagram - Theories in EC; how do they apply to the ECE environment (classroom, intervention, activities)?  9/7 Think-Pair-Share: Compare/Contrast DAP with other practices (given appropriate/inappropriate practice examples—add some of your own).	I. E. 2: Theory, research, analysis, and practice I. C. 9: Role of play in EC and learning. I. E. 4 and I. A. 8: General/professional ethics; Understanding legal rights; 1C 10: Current infant identification.

Week 3	Celebration of Families and Involvement	9/10 – Ecological Model for ECE	1. E. 3: Social, economic
			and cultural diversity,
9/10 – 9/14	<b>Topics:</b> An Ecological Approach to Intervention	9/12 - Quiz #1 (TYC - Chapters 1-4;	and implications for
	and Programs; The family before birth and after	BD Chapters 1-2; CEL Chapter 1-2)	learning.
	birth (early identification of children at-risk and	Risk factors for families/children	
	the IFSP process); Building positive	before and after birth – long term	1. A. 9: Understanding of
	relationships with families; Cultural-Responsive	outcomes; Establishing emotionally	over-representation of
	Practices/Reflective Dialogue	supportive environments.	minorities in special
			education.
	<b>Homework:</b> TYC Chapter 4 & 5, BD Chapter 3	9/14 - <u>Video Reflection</u> : "Partnerships	
	and 4, & CEL Chapter 3 (Outline 3) – Also, topic	with Parents" – Establishing the	1. D. 3: Socio-cultural
	sign-up (Be the Expert) due 9/12	Empowerment Model.	theory
Week 4	The Infant – Pre-Birth and Birth – Physical-	9/17 - <u>Guest speaker</u> - Pediatric nurse	1. A. 5: Experiences
	Motor Development During the First Year	practitioner risk factors in infants	infants need to prepare
9/17 – 9/21		prior to birth and first year.	for life-long learning; 1. A.
	<u>Topics:</u> Factors that affect infant developmental		6: Identify early
	growth: at-risk and low-risk infants (e.g.,	9/19 - <u>Group Activity</u> : Chart	interactions with adults/
	poverty, childcare arrangements, parental	summary; factors that affect child	peers; comprehensive
	aspects; and other risk-factors, prenatal	developmental growth: at-risk and	interventions, infants
	development, known disability); Earliest Brain Growth and Neurological Development;	low-risk infants (e.g., poverty, prenatal development, known	from diverse backgrounds and special needs; 1. A. 3:
	Reflexes, Psychological states and activity levels;	disability); Vignette analyses of child	Developmental patterns
	Sensory Capabilities; Physical Development	who is at-risk and IFSP development.	of change, physical, cognitive, and
	<b>Homework:</b> TYC Chapter 6 and CEL Chapter 4	9/21 - <u>Video Reflection</u> : Analyses of	psychosocial areas;
	(Outline 4)	parent-infant during play; identify	1. C. 7 Analyses of motor
		indicators of physical/motor growth	development.
		using a developmental checklist	1
		(Vineland-2; Teacher rating scale).	

Week 5	The Infant –Social-Emotional Development	9/24 – Attachment Theory – Factors	1. C. 1: Multiple
	<b>During the First Year</b>	that impact caregiver-child	approaches to learning; 1.
9/24-28		attachment.	C. 5 a – d; 1. C. 8:
	<u>Topics</u> : Theories of SE development;		Analyses of SE
	Neurobiology of SE development; and	9/26 – Creating a healthy and safe	development for infants.
	Dimensions and factors impacting SE	environment for infants and toddlers;	
	development in infants.	quality of care. (Topic Presenter)	1. B. 1: Knowledge and
			competence of social
	<b>Homework:</b> TYC Chapter 7 and CEL Chapter 5	9/28 - Video Analysis/Group Activity:	characteristics of infants.
	(Outline 5)	Acquiring self-regulation; SE	
		development of infants and toddlers.	
	Field Experiences Begin ©		
Week 6	The Infant – Cognitive, Language/Literacy	10/1 Sensory-Motor Stage of	I. A. 1: Delineate how
	Development	Development – cognition and	infants acquire and
10/1 - 10/5		language.	process information.
	<u>Topics</u> and <u>Questions</u> : Cognitive development;		
	Neurobiology of cognition, language, and	10/3 Quiz #2 (TYC Chapters 5-7; CEL	1. B. 2: Identifying the
	literacy; Earliest communicative behaviors;	<b>Chapters 3-5)</b> Arranging an effective	multiple interacting
	Major factors influencing cognition and	environment for cognitive and	influences on infant
	language; Strategies for promoting and	language learning.	development and
	enhancing cognition, language/literacy		learning.
	development.	10/5 <u>Video Analysis Activity</u> :	
		"Cooing, crying, and cuddling: Infant	
	Homework: TYC Chapter 8, BD Chapter 5, and	brain development; Communication	
	CEL Chapter 8 (Outline 6)	and learning: SE development of	
		infants/toddlers"	

Week 7  10/8 – 10/12	The Young Child – Toddler Physical/Motor Development  Topics: Physical competencies; Relationships between physical and SE development; and cognition; Well-being of the toddler.	10/8 – Fall Break  10/10 – Physical development of toddlers; Analysis of toddler toys – Designing manipulative and sensory centers for toddlers.	<ol> <li>A. 3: Developmental patterns of change, physical, cognitive, and psychosocial areas.</li> <li>C. 7 Analyses of motor development.</li> </ol>
	Homework: TYC Chapter 9 & CEL Chapter 12 to page 236 (Outline 7) and FE #1 Paper/Reflection Due	10/12 – <u>Video Analyses</u> : Parent-child play interaction – identification of physical and motor milestones (e.g., checklist, observation forms).	
Week 8	The Young Child – Toddler Social-Emotional	10/15 – Overview of S-E Development	1. C. 8: Analyses of SE
10/15 – 19	Development	of Toddlers; Attachment Behaviors - <b>Topic Presenter</b>	development for toddlers.
	Topics: Erikson's Theory of Psychosocial Development; Freud's Psychoanalytic Psychology, Piaget's Constructivism, Attachment Theory; Relationship between social-emotional development and cognition.  Homework: TYC Chapter 10 & CEL Chapter 12 page 236-245 (Outline 8)	10/17 - <u>Video Analyses</u> : Parent-toddler during play - identification of social-emotional indicators.  Demonstration of the Infant-toddler Social-Emotional Availability Scale (ITSEA; child care provider form).  10/19 - <u>Video Reflection</u> : "Laughing, learning, and loving: Toddler brain development	1. B. 1: Knowledge and competence of social characteristics of toddlers.

Week 9	The Young Child – Toddler Cognitive,	10/22 Pre-operational Stage of	I. A. 1: Delineate how
	Language, and Literacy Development	Development; Cognitive and	toddlers acquire and
10/22-26		language milestones; Symbolic Play in	process information; 1. B.
	<u>Topics:</u> Cognitive development; Relationships	Toddlerhood - <b>Topic Presenter</b>	2: Identifying the multiple
	between cognition and language; Factors		interacting influences on
	influencing language/ literacy development of	10/24-10/26 <u>Video Analyses</u> :	toddler development and
	toddlers and their families.	Demonstration of the	learning.
		Communication/Symbolic Behavior	
	<b>Homework:</b> TYC Chapter 11; BD Chapter 6; and	Scales-Developmental Profile (CSBS-	
	CEL Chapter 11 (Outline 9); FE #2	DP): Infant-Toddler Checklist;	
	Paper/Reflection Due	Analyses of parent-child joint book	
		reading (Adult-child Interactive	
		Reading Inventory (ACIRI);	
		Brainstorm ways to support emerging	
		language in toddlers.	
Week 10	The Young Child – Preschool Years Physical	*10/29 Video Analyses	1. A. 3: Developmental
WEEK 10	and Motor Development	10/27 <u>viaco maryses</u>	patterns of change,
10/29-11/2	and wotor beveropment	*10/31 <u>Video Analyses</u>	physical, cognitive, and
	<b>Topics:</b> Developing motor skills; Relationships		psychosocial areas.
*Dr. D at	between motor and SE development; Factors	11/2 Gender Awareness; Factors	poy enesseed areas.
DEC	influencing motor development.	Influencing P-M Development;	1. C. 7 Analyses of motor
Conference	1	Setting the Stage for Preschoolers -	development.
10/29 - 30	Homework: TYC Chapter 12; BD Chapter 7; and	Topic Presenters	•
	CEL Chapter 14 (Outline 10)		

Week 11	The Young Child - Preschool Years Social-	11/5 - Overview S-E milestones	I. A. 1: Delineate how
	<b>Emotional Development</b>	during preschool years; Cooperative	preschoolers acquire and
11/5-9		Play - Topic Presenter	process information.
	<b>Topics:</b> Theoretical perspectives on S-E		
	development of 4-year old children; Factors	11/7 – <u>Video Reflection</u> : "Making	1. B. 2: Identifying the
	influencing S-E development; PDE standards	friends and getting along with peers:	multiple interacting
		SE development of preschoolers"	influences on preschool
	<b>Homework:</b> TYC Chapter 13; CEL Chapters 6-7		development and
	(Literacy Centers for Preschoolers)	11/9 - <u>Video Reflection</u> : "Ten things	learning.
		every child needs for the best start in	
		life!" <b>In a chart format</b> - List the ten	
		essential things, provide examples of	
		real-life applications at FE or EC	
		programs, and provide specific	
		examples found at FE.	
Week 12	The Young Child - Preschool Years Cognitive,	11/12 – Stages of cognitive	Theories of
	Language/Literacy Development	development; Children at risk or with	constructivism, socio-
11/12-16		special needs - <b>Topic Presenter</b>	cultural, attachment, bio-
	<u>Topics:</u> Theoretical perspectives on cognitive		ecological and play. I.
	development of 4 year olds; Factors influencing	11/14 - High Quality Preschools -	E. 2: Theory, research,
	development; PDE standards for preschoolers.	Topic Presenter	analysis, and practice
	_		I. C. 9: Role of play in
	Homework: FE #3 Paper/Reflection Due	11/16 - <u>Video Reflection</u> : "How	child development and
		young children learn to think"	learning.

Making Connections – From Theory to Practice – Bringing it All Together!		
The Young Child – Kindergarten Years –	11/26 – Major milestones in	I A 6-9: Describe the
Major Milestones (S-E; Motor; Cognitive	kindergarten – link between	importance of parental
Development)	developmental domains	roles, collaboration with parents and other
<u>Topics:</u> Theoretical perspectives on	11/28 – Social-Emotional Skills of	professionals in respect
development of 5 year olds; Factors influencing	Kindergarteners - Topic Presenter	for individual family
development; PDE standards for kindergarten.		culture and decisions. I F
		1-3. Focus on every child
Homework: CEL Chapter 18; FE #4	11/30 – Risk factors in Kindergarten -	and family, and their
<u>-</u>	Topic Presenter	appropriate needs.
Parent Workshop Event Presentations –	Student Presentation Week	
Homework: FE #5 Paper/Reflection and Final Notebooks Due 12/7 by 2:20 pm.		
	The Young Child – Kindergarten Years – Major Milestones (S-E; Motor; Cognitive Development)  Topics: Theoretical perspectives on development of 5 year olds; Factors influencing development; PDE standards for kindergarten.  Homework: CEL Chapter 18; FE #4 Paper/Reflection Due and Parent Brochure/Presentation  Parent Workshop Event Presentations –  Homework: FE #5 Paper/Reflection and Final	The Young Child – Kindergarten Years – Major Milestones (S-E; Motor; Cognitive Development)  Topics: Theoretical perspectives on development of 5 year olds; Factors influencing development; PDE standards for kindergarten.  Homework: CEL Chapter 18; FE #4 Paper/Reflection Due and Parent Brochure/Presentation  Parent Workshop Event Presentations –  Homework: FE #5 Paper/Reflection and Final  11/26 – Major milestones in kindergarten – link between developmental domains  11/28 – Social-Emotional Skills of Kindergarteners - Topic Presenter  11/30 – Risk factors in Kindergarten – Topic Presenter  Student Presentation Week

# **SAVE THE DATES!**

This syllabus is compiled in good faith, with a schedule of readings, topics, activities, and assignments which will navigate us throughout the term. Still, the professor reserves the right to make any changes to this syllabus considered necessary for the overall success of the course. Any changes will be communicated as soon as possible.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Storybook Workshop – Tuesday, October 23rd at 4:00-7:00 pm – Guest Speaker; Karen Davidson

<sup>\*\*</sup>FINAL EXAM – Tuesday, December 11th at 1:30 pm (TYC Chapters 8-15; CEL 6-8; 11-12; 14; 18)

#### **Additional Resources**

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) <a href="http://www.naeyc.org/">http://www.naeyc.org/</a>

Zero-to-Three http://www.zerotothree.org

Division for Early Childhood Education of the Council for Exceptional Children <a href="http://www.dec-sped.org/">http://www.dec-sped.org/</a>

Pre – K Now <u>www.preknow.org</u> Current press clippings related to the prekindergarten movement.

PA Early Learning Standards <a href="http://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Career\_Standards">http://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Career\_Standards</a> <a href="http://websites.pdesas.org/ocdel/2010/4/30/47302/page.aspx">http://websites.pdesas.org/ocdel/2010/4/30/47302/page.aspx</a>

PA Early Learning Keystone Stars <a href="http://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Programs">http://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Programs</a> STARS

Children's Defense Fund: <a href="http://www.childrensdefense.org/">http://www.childrensdefense.org/</a>

The National Center for Development and Learning: National Center for Early Development and Learning: <a href="http://www.fpg.unc.edu/ncedl/">http://www.fpg.unc.edu/ncedl/</a>

The book *From Neurons to Neighborhoods* (National Academies Press) available online: <a href="http://www.nap.edu/books/0309069882/html/">http://www.nap.edu/books/0309069882/html/</a> Weekly e-newsletter on issues related to children at the Benton Foundation Connect for Kids Weekly: <a href="http://www.connectforkids.org">www.connectforkids.org</a>

Erikson's Stages of Psychosocial Development <a href="htt://www.ship.edu/~cgboeree/erikson.html">htt://www.ship.edu/~cgboeree/erikson.html</a>

The Jean Piaget Society: <a href="https://www.piaget.org">www.piaget.org</a>

Piaget's Stages of Cognitive Development http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/intranet/committees/FacDevCom/guidebk/teachtip/piaget.htm

# Temperament

Information about behavioral individuality in infants, children and adults <a href="http://www.temperament.com">http://www.temperament.com</a>

# Vygotsky

A history of Lev Vygotsky and many links to other sites devoted to sociocultural theory. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lev-Vygotsky">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lev-Vygotsky</a>

Center on the Social-Emotional Foundations for Early Learning <a href="http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/training\_infant.html">http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/training\_infant.html</a>