

Student Teaching Practicum

Syllabus ECE 295

Spring 2015



Teacher Education Program

Three Rivers Community College

For candidates working in NAEYC Accredited Programs with children ages Birth to Five,
pursuing an A.S degree and/or ECTC credential

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Introduction

The Three Rivers Community College teacher education program has been designed to prepare you to work in diverse settings with robust curriculum and dynamic early childhood professionals. Our program is NAEYC (National Association of Educators of Young Children) Accredited and is approved to award the ECTC (Early Childhood Teaching Credential) in both infant/toddler and preschool. Our practicum transfers to 4 year CT colleges offering ECE certification and credentialing as a 6 credit class.

Congratulations!, you have accepted because you have met the following competencies: a 3.0 grade point average, letters of support from ECE faculty, 18 prior credits in ECE and 100 hours of observations and varied experiences in the field. This experience should be perceived as your final application of everything you have learned and researched while at TRCC,

Goals:

The purpose of student teaching is to enable you to apply child development theory and methodologies in a learning environment with children. You will manage a classroom independently, plan, organize, implement and evaluate classroom activities. Students will complete a minimum of 200 hours of student teaching. Weekly seminars (3 hours) devoted to issues in early childhood education, curriculum prep and the experience of the student teacher will extend the individuals learning experience.

Three Rivers Community College follows the NAEYC professional standards. These standards are embedded in to the course work and field experience. Additionally, our students are beginning to be introduced to the CT new standards - <http://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/earlycare/elds/ctelds.pdf>

Course Objectives:

The objectives of this course are for the student to demonstrate an understanding of:

1. The application of child development theory to learning environments, family and the community.
2. Establishing and maintaining physically and psychologically safe learning environments that promote children's physical, social, emotional, aesthetic and cognitive development and learning.
3. Their philosophy of early childhood education
4. Collaborating and consulting with other professionals to support children's learning and well-being.
5. Planning and implementing developmentally and individually appropriate learning experiences within and across disciplines, based on knowledge of individual children the family, the community and curricular goals and objectives.
6. Teaching mathematics, language arts and literacy, social studies, natural science, music, creative movement, drama, art, social studies and physical activity.
7. Teaching positive social skills and interaction among children and adults.
8. A variety of settings where ALL children are served.
9. The field of early childhood education and the question of educational practice.
10. Evaluating themselves as teachers.

11. The current policy issues in child care.
12. Ethical issues in the field of early childhood education and their application in the classroom.
13. Developing a weekly learning experience plan.
14. Preparing a resume and interviewing skills.

Course Outcomes:

Working Goals:

1. Begin to know and understand young children's needs and characteristics and the multiple influences on development and learning. (NAEYC 1a)
2. Use developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments with content areas and academic disciplines. (NAEYC 5b)
3. Identify and understand family and community characteristics and identify ways the school involves both families and communities in the growth and development of children. Build materials and experience to enhance the Home School Connection. (NAEYC 2a)
4. Reflect upon and analyze the process of teaching based on student experiences or learning. Submit bi-monthly reflections that reflect this process. (NAEYC 3a)
5. Demonstrate the ability to use developmentally appropriate and effective approaches to teaching. (NAEYC 1b)
6. Begin to Demonstrate implementation of the PROJECT APPROACH, including Phases 1, 2, and 3 or thematic planning. (NAEYC 5b)
7. Plan, implement and evaluate developmentally appropriate activities with teacher's support and feedback. (NAEYC 5b)
8. Work collaboratively with colleagues to examine the effectiveness of your instructions and interactions with children. (NAEYC 6d)
9. Complete 200 hours of direct practicum experiences that include independent classroom control and active practicum experiences. (NAEYC 5c)
10. Create a portfolio that reflects classroom observations and reflections, weekly documentations, monthly lesson plans and work. (5c)
11. Have prepared a personal eportfolio on Digication of their work that demonstrates their knowledge, skills and experiences in the field of early childhood education.

Course Content:

This course is focused on the individual's student teaching experience with the weekly seminars extending the individual's student teaching experience. The following topics will be covered in an array of dimensions based on the experiences and needs of each individual teaching practicum class:

1. Putting Theory Into Practice, Student Teacher Expectations and The Role of the School Supervisor
2. Guidelines for Completing Assignments
3. Philosophy of Early Childhood Education
4. Role of Equipment and Supplies
5. Teaching in a Culturally Diverse Classroom
6. Planning for Children with Special Needs

7. Executive Functioning
8. Whole Brain/Vygotsky
9. Parent Involvement and Parent Conferences
10. Objective Observations
11. Connecticut Preschool Curricular Framework and Connecticut Preschool Assessment Framework and Benchmarks – NEW STANDARDS
12. Appropriate Assessment and Ethical Consideration of Assessment
13. Planning Assessment Cycle, Intentional Teaching and Planning Web
14. Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Developmentally and Individually Appropriate Activities
15. The Project Approach and How to Implement
16. Developmentally Appropriate Practice
17. Classroom Management
18. Nurturing Responsible Behavior and Preventing Discipline Problems
19. Role of Guidance and Problem Solving and Facilitating Solutions
20. Family-Teacher Partnerships and Guidance
21. Using Computers in the Classroom
22. Early Literacy Development
23. Planning Appropriate Activities and the Weekly Learning Experience Plan
24. The Teachable Moment
25. Emergent Curriculum
26. Membership in Professional Organizations
27. Code of Ethical Conduct
28. Resume, Job Seeking Skills and Interviewing
29. Developing Self Awareness as a Teacher and Self Evaluation

Course Requirements:

Field Work

Students will work 200 hours in their field placement. After placement is made, students may not change without prior approval of the instructor. It is recommended that students work 15 hours per week for 13 -14 weeks. *At least one hour per week should be used for program planning.* This time is used to plan the student's involvement for the week. Students will manage a classroom independently, plan, organize, implement and evaluate classroom activities. In addition, it is hoped that students will participate in parent conferences and staff meetings. It is a requirement

Expectations of your Student

There will be a **ZERO tolerance** of any unprofessional acts or disrespectful behaviors of TRCC students to their peers, teachers, children and families. In the past, on a very rare occasion students have been removed from their placements as a result of questionable logic, performance or actions. Additionally, all candidates must present a stable and approachable disposition. A written warning will be provided to a candidate before actions are taken, except in

extreme situations. The ECE Coordinator has worked hard to select students who appear to have the disposition to teach. Professor Sheila Skahan is the Practicum Coordinator and Supervisor and can be reached by phone at 860.215.9475, by cell at 860.227.9016 or by email at the college sskahan@trcc.commnet.edu.

Technology

Lap top computers, cell phones and iPads are a part of our everyday life. There will be times when your TRCC student may ask to use these tools in class for a variety of reasons e.g., discovering APPS, cameras, recording conversations, etc. That said, students are expected to follow the guidelines and culture of your school's policies. Students are not expected to use their cell phones in class, unless you have given them a specific task e.g., "Can you record the students as they read their sight words? ". **If their phone is being used it should be only to record images or conversations of children.** In the past, students who texted during their student teaching time were cited for this in their evaluations.

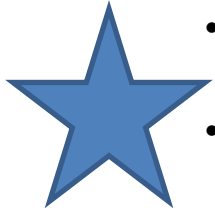
BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL:

- Practicum Students will demonstrate professional manners and behaviors 100% of the time – or realistically 90% of the time – many of our students are new to the profession and could go with some guidance and mentoring. Overall, they are well intended, hardworking people

ASSIGNMENTS:

To begin:

- Students are asked to become familiar with the **discipline, health, safety, and office policies and parent, staffing and curriculum guidelines** before they jump in.
- Before beginning their placements, students should spending time OBSERVING and getting to know your school's procedures and philosophies
- Students are expected to ask you which methods best fit your classroom needs. **ALL Curriculum Plans SHOULD BE PREAPPROVED by you. They must use the required State Dept of Education Learning Experience format, as well as integrating both Intentional Teaching and a Curricula Standard e.g. Creative Curriculum, Preschool Benchmarks, Ages and Stages..**
- Each candidate is responsible to create an e-portfolio that documents how they have met their candidate teaching objectives while in their placements. They will be given trainings in Digication and will be working on following the CT OEC workforce competencies. They will use observations, work samplings and research to document their findings. The work that they gather in these areas will include both self-discovery and findings through your coaching.
- Personnel Procedures and Policies: Standard OSHA procedures and State Employments laws should be followed. Please talk to our students and explain your program's policies on personal phone calls, sick and tardy standards, dress codes and overall personnel expectations. THANKS!



- Each candidate is required to attend a weekly Practicum Support and Methods class; these classes meet every Wednesday from **2:00** to 5:00 at the college. We will discuss daily events, classroom methodologies and current best practices and research.
- From the beginning of each semester, we explain to students that they are to follow and support your school's curriculum and philosophies. Please identify which model you would encourage your TRCC student to incorporate in their teaching
- **Students will be evaluated three times during the semester**
 1. **Within the first three weeks – QUICK GLANCE due February 25th**
 2. **Midterm – Oral Competencies due April 1st**
 3. **Final Eval – Overall Competencies – in depth – Due May 13th**

Please take the time to share these evaluations with your students and return them to Sheila Skahan, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, CT 06360.

- Finally, during the semester, I will be visiting your classroom at least two times. Typically, the first visit occurs in the morning in March, and then again in May. My first visit is a friendly, "how do you do?" the second is a formal evaluation of your student. Videotaping may occur in the second visit. Meanwhile if there are any questions or thoughts please call or text me at 860.227.9016.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Student should create a time sheet or use the enclosed to fulfill the 200 hours student teaching requirement; this form must be signed by you. This form should be included in the student's final portfolio.

Spring CALENDAR 2015



Feb 4rd	First Class– snow delays prior
Feb 25th	First Glance Evaluation Due Student Submits Observation Of Your Lesson And Observation of Three Children
March 4th	Student Completes First Formal Mini Lessons Family/School Project Planned
March 16-20	College Spring Break – Coordinate SPRING Vacations
March 25	Second Formal Mini Lessons
April 1	First Draft of Final Project Due Oral Competency/Mid Semester Evals Due
April 15	Final Draft of Final Projects
April 20 – May 1	Active Planning and Teaching in Class
May 13th	Final Evals Due to TRCC

Dates	Class	Topic	Snack
Feb 4	Assessments Handbook	Getting Started	
Feb 11	Philosophy of Teaching	Bimonthly's Intentional Teaching	Mari's Bd Nicole
Feb 18	Digication First Mini Lessons Explained	Montessori Hands On Activities Observe Teachers	
Feb 25	First Glance Eval Due	Early Learning Experiences Tools of the Mind Special Needs Integration	Sheila Skahan
March 4	First Mini Lessons Shared	Learning Experience FAMILIES	Heather
March 11	Second Mini Lessons Explained	Hands on Activities CT ELS Whole Brain Content Areas	Open
March 18	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
March 25	Second Mini Lessons Due – presented	READING /Writing	Caitlyn
April 1	Skahan NAEYC Oral Competencies Due	Digication LAB	Amanda
April 8	CT ELS	Social/Emotional Domains	Cassie
April 15	Submit final plans for Active Teaching Weeks	Resumes Behavior Management	Kayla
April 22	ACTIVE TEACHING	Field Trips – time to reflect on your week	Field TRIP
April 29	ACTIVE TEACHING	Processing week – defining roles	Open
May 6	Eportfolio's Due Final Evaluations		Nicole's Bday Marianne
May 13	Digication Projects Open Event!!		Sam

You are required to write an introduction letter to parents.

Students must begin the year by sending home an Introduction letter to parents. The letters should include the following:

1. Intro.. I am .. I am doing this because.. and this is what I am hoping to learn or to offer to the classroom.
 2. It should include the hours and days that they would be there.
 3. It should include action words describing what they hope to be doing e.g. documenting, learning teaching styles...
 4. It should include an explanation of the photos, work samplings and discussions that they may need to collect or share in the name of education and growth.
 5. It should include a permission form for photos and videos with a permission slip.
 6. It should include any other norms of forms that your school requires.
 7. A photo would be great to include.
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Dear Families,

My name is Ashley xxx. I will be student teaching in the xxx Classroom this fall every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1pm-4pm. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and tell you a little about what I will be doing. I am currently enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program at Three Rivers Community College and am completing my Student Teaching Practicum for graduation this semester.

During my time here I will be working closely with Ms. Jenn to plan and prepare a variety of learning experiences for the children. Along the way I will be observing and documenting their progress by collecting work samples, taking pictures and through the use of recording devices. This will enable me to record our class's learning experiences and will also serve as an aid for future planning. Prior to working with Ms. Jenn, I have had the pleasure of working with a variety of children from ages 6 weeks to 8 years of age for the last ten years. I also have two children of my own, a son and daughter, ages 10 and 11. Both working with children and raising my own has brought me a wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as great joy!

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you and the children. If at any time you have questions, please feel free to ask me or you can always leave a message and I will respond promptly. It's going to be a fun and exciting time for us all!



Sincerely,

Ashley

I give permission for my child's work samples, pictures and videos to be used for educational purposes.

Child's Name _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print) - _____ Signature _____

Student Teachers will complete the following observation and journaling entries twice a month. This is your independent work and you may work on this when there is some down. After you have had these corrected by your college professor, you should make edits and place in your class electronic portfolio.

Bi-Monthly Reflections Student Teaching Practicum

Common Development Milestones	Individual Differences Noted	Age Appropriate Standards/Intentional Teaching Strategies
Physical Well Being and Motor Development	Physical Well Being and Motor Development	Physical Well Being and Motor Development
		Standards: Action:
Social And Emotional Development	Social And Emotional Development	Social And Emotional Development
		Standards: Action:
Language Development (communication, early literacy, dual language development)	Language Development (communication, early literacy, dual language development)	Language Development (communication, early literacy, dual language development)
		Standards: Action:
Cognitive and General Knowledge	Cognitive and General Knowledge	Cognitive and General Knowledge
		Standards: Action:
Creative Arts and Expressions	Creative Arts and Expressions	Creative Arts and Expressions
		Standards: Action:
Approaches to Learning	Approaches to Learning	Approaches to Learning
		Standards: Action:

Identify similar characteristics that you have observed with the children in your class. Use OBJECTIVE language; do not list names – use initials).

NAEYC Standard One: Promoting Child Development and Learning

NAEYC Standard Two: Building Family and Community Relationships Knowing about and Supporting Family and Community Relationships

1. What strategies did you observe that the program or staff use become acquainted with and learn about their family structure, preferred child rearing practices, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds? (ongoing)

Report First and Last Month:

2. What weekly correspondences does the program disseminate regarding children's activities, development milestones, and program information? Reflect on the effectiveness of this tool. (Attach if appropriate)
3. If the program feels that a child has a developmental delay or other special needs, how is this communicated in a confidential, supportive manner? (Policy may be consistent but may change in specific cases)

NAEYC Standard 3: Observing, Documenting and assessing to support young children and Families

1. What formal observing and documenting occurred during this past week?
2. Did you find the assessment method to be sensitive to the child's family culture and home language, the child's experience and the child's abilities and disabilities? (Be specific)
3. What specific observation methods (formal and informal) did you actively participate in? How will this impact your teaching? And understanding?

NAEYC Standard 4: Approaches to Connect with Children and Families Using Developmentally Effective Approaches

1. Describe how you were and are able to develop individual relationships with children by providing care that is responsive attentive, consistent and culturally sensitive.
2. Describe times this week when you either observed or actively participated in any of the following teaching approaches.
 - Supporting children's needs for physical movement, sensory stimulation, fresh air, rest or nourishment.
 - Organizing space and material in content and developmental areas to stimulate exploration and learning.
 - Working to prevent challenging or disruptive behavior

Standard 5: Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum (may include language arts, social studies knowledge, logic and reasoning, common core state standards)

1. What were the learning objectives for the past two weeks?

2. Did you see examples of the K/W/L used? Please describe.
3. What philosophy of teaching is evident in this school and/or classroom?

Standard 6: Becoming A Professional

As each week progress, you will gain knowledge and experience as a member of the ECE profession. As a member you will know and understand the Code of Ethical Conduct and professional guidelines. Indicate if you have had times where you witnessed or were challenged by a ethical conflict.

Is there anything your TRCC ECE Professor or the college could do to assist you in your placement?

Yes: _____ **I need help with the following**

No: _____ **I think I am ok right now.**

NAEYC Standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation Programs

A position statement of the National Association for the Education of Young Children

Introduction

NAEYC Standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation Programs represents a sustained vision for the early childhood field and more specifically for the programs that prepare the professionals working in the field. This 2009 revision of the standards is responsive to new knowledge, research and conditions while holding true to core values and principles of the founders of the profession. It is designed for use in a variety of ways by different sectors of the field while also supporting specific and critical policy structures, including state and national early childhood teacher credentialing, national accreditation of professional early childhood preparation programs, state approval of early childhood teacher education programs, and articulation agreements between various levels and types of professional development programs.

Standards Summary

Standard 1. Promoting Child Development and Learning

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs are grounded in a child development knowledge base. They use their understanding of young children's characteristics and needs and of the multiple interacting influences on children's development and learning to create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging for each child.

Key elements of Standard 1

- **1a:** Knowing and understanding young children's characteristics and needs
- **1b:** Knowing and understanding the multiple influences on development and learning
- **1c:** Using developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environments

Standard 2. Building Family and Community Relationships

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs understand that successful early childhood education depends upon partnerships with children's families and communities. They know about, understand, and value the importance and complex characteristics of children's families and communities. They use this understanding to create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families and to involve all families in their children's development and learning.

Key elements of Standard 2

- **2a:** Knowing about and understanding diverse family and community characteristics
- **2b:** Supporting and engaging families and communities through respectful, reciprocal relationships
- **2c:** Involving families and communities in their children's development and learning

Standard 3. Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs understand that child observation, documentation, and other forms of assessment are central to the practice of all early childhood professionals. They know about and understand the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment. They know about and use systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies in a responsible way, in partnership with families and other professionals, to positively influence the development of every child.

Key elements of Standard 3

- **3a:** Understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment
- **3b:** Knowing about and using observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches
- **3c:** Understanding and practicing responsible assessment to promote positive outcomes for each child
- **3d:** Knowing about assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues
- **3e:** Facilitating referrals based on screening, observation and child assessment

Standard 4. Using Developmentally Effective Approaches to Connect with Children and Families

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs understand that teaching and learning with young children is a complex enterprise, and its details vary depending on children's ages, characteristics, and the settings within which teaching and learning occur. They understand and use positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation for their work with young children and families. Candidates know, understand, and use a wide array of developmentally appropriate approaches, instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and positively influence each child's development and learning.

Key elements of Standard 4

- **4a:** Understanding positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with children
- **4b:** Knowing and understanding effective strategies and tools for early education
- **4c:** Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching/learning approaches
- **4d:** Reflecting on their own practice to promote positive outcomes for each child
- **4e:** Nutrition, health and safety

Standard 5. Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs use their knowledge of academic disciplines to design, implement, and evaluate experiences that promote positive development and learning for each and every young child. Candidates understand the importance of developmental domains and academic (or content) disciplines in an early childhood curriculum. They know the essential concepts, inquiry tools, and structure of content areas, including academic subjects, and can identify resources to deepen their understanding. Candidates use their own knowledge and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curricula that promote comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for every young child.

Key elements of Standard 5

- **5a:** Understanding content knowledge and resources in academic disciplines
- **5b:** Knowing and using the central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines
- **5c:** Using their own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curricula for each child.

Standard 6. Becoming a Professional

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs identify and conduct themselves as members of the early childhood profession. They know and use ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice. They

are continuous, collaborative learners who demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on their work, making informed decisions that integrate knowledge from a variety of sources. They are informed advocates for sound educational practices and policies.

Key elements of Standard 6

- **6a:** Identifying and involving oneself with the early childhood field
- **6b:** Knowing about and upholding ethical standards and other professional guidelines
- **6c:** Engaging in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice
- **6d:** Integrating knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on early education
- **6e:** Engaging in informed advocacy for children and the profession

1) SELF-ASSESSMENT AND SELF-ADVOCACY

Associate degree candidates are often at a key decision point in their professional lives, entering or reentering higher education after extended work experiences or making decisions about further education beyond the associate degree. Therefore, skills in assessing one's own goals, strengths, and needs are critical, as is learning how to advocate for one's own professional needs.

Evidence of growth: Candidates' growth in these skills may be seen in assessments of changes over time and in the actual professional decisions made by candidates as they move through the program and beyond.

Indicators of strength:

- Candidates assess their own goals, strengths, and needs.
- Candidates know how to advocate for their own professional needs.

2) MASTERING AND APPLYING FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS FROM GENERAL EDUCATION

General education has value for its own sake—as part of the background of an educated person—and for the value added to practitioners' ability to implement a conceptually rich curriculum. Both in immediate employment as an early childhood professional and in preparing for further baccalaureate study, associate degree graduates are enriched by understanding foundational concepts from areas including science, mathematics, literature, and the behavioral and social sciences.

Evidence of growth: Candidates' acquisition of these skills may be seen, for example, in their successful mastery of general education objectives, in their written and oral rationales for activities, and in ratings of the conceptual accuracy and richness of their curriculum plans.

Indicators of strength:

- Candidates understand foundational concepts from areas such as science, mathematics, literature, and the behavioral and social sciences.
- Candidates can apply these concepts in their work as early childhood professionals.

3) WRITTEN AND VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS

Well-prepared associate degree graduates have strong skills in written and verbal communication. These skills allow them to provide positive language and literacy experiences for children, and they also support professional communications with families and colleagues. Candidates going on to baccalaureate study need skills sufficient to ensure success in upper-

division academic work. In addition, technological literacy is an essential component of this set of skills.

Evidence of growth: Candidates' mastery of these skills may be seen, for example, in successful completion of relevant courses, performance on communication and technological aspects of assignments, and competent use of communication skills in field experiences.

Indicators of strength:

- Candidates have effective skills in written and verbal communication.
- Candidates are technologically literate.

4) MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PRIOR KNOWLEDGE/EXPERIENCE AND NEW LEARNING

All professionals need these skills, but they are especially important in supporting the learning of associate degree candidates who have worked for years in early care and education. Well prepared associate degree graduates are able to respect and draw upon their past or current work experience and also reflect critically upon it, enriching and altering prior knowledge with new insights. These skills will, over time, enable graduates to respond to the evolving mandates and priorities of the early childhood field.

Evidence of growth: Progress in making productive connections may be seen in candidates' growing ability to articulate relevant theory and research that either affirms or calls into question their experience—often seen in journals and portfolios, but also in interviews and presentations.

Indicators of strength:

- Candidates respect and draw upon their past or current work experience.
- Candidates are able to reflect critically upon their experience.

5) IDENTIFYING AND USING PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

Even the best associate program cannot provide in-depth knowledge and skills in all areas. Therefore, well-prepared graduates should know how to identify and use credible professional resources from multiple sources, allowing them to better serve children and families with a wide range of cultures, languages, needs, and abilities.

Evidence of growth: Candidates' growth in this area may be evidenced, for example, by portfolio artifacts, resources used in lesson plans or other field assignments, or in class presentations.

Indicators of strength:

- Candidates know how to identify and use credible professional resources from multiple sources.
- Candidates use these resources to better serve children and families with a wide range of cultures, languages, needs, and abilities.

TRCC CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK Compiled for NAEYC Accreditation

The mission of the TRCC ECE program is to offer a well-rounded and rewarding post-secondary education which emphasizes: Teaching and Learning, Integrity and Service, Community and Diversity with an emphasis on critical thinking, and effective communication. The primary goal of the program is to prepare passionate educational leaders, providers and teachers to serve as community resources for people and institutions within the region. Successful candidates will demonstrate the disposition, temperament and high academic standards to create positive environments and relationships in diverse settings with all children ages 0-8 years.

The ECE program incorporates instruction that stresses connection to real life expectations in the field based on theoretical understanding of all aspects of developmentally appropriate practices. The ECE program promotes professionalism and supports the development of leadership through a program that stresses academic rigor through development of oral, written, expressive and receptive competencies. Candidates are encouraged to take responsibility for oneself, one's peers, one's colleagues and one's community.

The ECE program is a community based educational program that prepares, supports and embraces individuals in their pursuit of an early childhood education working with children ages 0-8. Trust and confidence in academic programs are built through an academic plan of study that involves observation and involvement in local schools and child care facilities from the onset of the ECE plan of study. TRCC faculty believes that all candidates are able to learn; although not everyone is ready to teach. The ECE program provides access for all regardless of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, orientation, or disability. It is the TRCC ECE program's intent to graduate candidates who believe that all children are capable of learning.

Within the field of early childhood the following topics / research has most influenced how we teach 1) NAEYC standards and skills, 2) Intentional Teaching, 3) DAP / DCAP, and 4) Learning theories including but not limited to the socio-constructivist theory and multiple intelligences. The conceptual framework in conjunction with NAEYC standards and supportive skills has been designed to allow candidates the opportunity to apply concepts as they relate to best practice in a variety of activities and assignments to develop a foundation for real life application. The entire ECE program is to create a cohesive plan of study current in National and State Competencies and standards.

Personal Portfolio via Digication

Students will prepare a portfolio based on the NAEYC Standards that demonstrates their skills, abilities, experiences and professionalism as a teacher. These documents must be presented as an portfolios in Digication. The portfolio is to be a reflection and analysis of your development as a teacher linked to the NAEYC Standards. These reflective essays should demonstrate your skills, abilities, experiences and professionalism as a teacher. Students are asked to think over their experiences and courses and reflect on what knowledge, skills, and abilities they have gained. Give as many concrete examples as you can. Please identify which number, standard or key element you are discussing in your essays. All of the items in the following outline must be discussed. It is acknowledged up front that there will be varied lengths on essays and work samplings. The following Model is best practice for your e- portfolio – As a group we work from this and incorporate CT's competencies with this process. Each class and individual will have a unique portfolio with common threads.

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STANDARD 1. (covered in your teaching and reflecting working)

PROMOTING CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

Key elements of Standard 1

1a: Knowing and understanding young children's characteristics and needs, from birth through age 8.

- As evidenced in bimonthly's work

1b: Knowing and understanding the multiple influences on early development and learning

- As evidenced in bimonthly's, learning experiences and lesson plan adaptations

1c: Using developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environments for young children

- As evidenced in teaching, planning and reviewing

STANDARD 2.

BUILDING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Key elements of Standard 2

a. Knowing About and Understanding Family and Community Characteristic

Write a reflection of family and community characteristics including:

- A statement summarizing the family characteristics of the families that you worked with.
- Do you think that you have an understanding of the families and their communities? Please explain with specific examples and references.

b. Supporting and Empowering Families Through Respectful, Reciprocal Relationships

Write a reflection of your relationships with parents including

- A copy of your Introduction letter
- Describe the cultural diversity of the children, family and staff at your placement.
- What adaptations did you make to reflect these practices?

2c. Involving Families and Communities in Their Children's Development and Learning

Write a brief reflective essay regarding involving families in their children's development and learning including:

- What specific knowledge and skills have you gained that will help you with involving parents in their children's development and learning.

STANDARD 3

OBSERVING, DOCUMENTING, AND ASSESSING TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Key elements of Standard 3

3a: Understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment – including its use in development of appropriate goals, curriculum, and teaching strategies for young children

- Write a narrative on how you saw assessment used in your class by both yourself and other professionals – how did it change curriculum and planning.
- What tools and methods are used for assessment e.g. Brigance, informal narrative, checklist.

3b: Knowing about and using observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches, including the use of technology in documentation, assessment and data collection.

Write a reflection regarding observing, documenting and assessing children:

- How did you use technology for assessment – give examples.
- What data was collected and how was this data used to drive practice.

3c: Understanding and practicing responsible assessment to promote positive outcomes for each child, including the use of assistive technology for children with disabilities.

- Write a reflection on how you saw assistive technology used with all children including children with disabilities. Include your role in this process and thoughts for future use.

3d: Knowing about assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues .

- Write a reflective essay describing how you saw assessments used in partnership with families

3e. Facilitating referrals based on screening, observation and child assessments.

Give examples while keeping confidentiality.

4a Understanding positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with young children.

Write a reflective essay describing the relationships and interactions that you had with the children and the staff of your field placement this semester including the following:

- How would you describe your interactions with the children?
- How would you describe your interactions with the staff?
- How would you describe your ability to be a member of a caring community for children?

4b Knowing and understanding effective strategies and tools for early education, including appropriate uses of technology.

Write a reflective submission regarding strategies and tools for early education including:

- In general, how would you describe your approach to teaching?
- How would you describe your ability to engage in conversations with children?
- How do you see your disposition to develop positive, respectful relationships with children, families and staff?

4c Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching/ learning approaches.

Write a reflection on the classroom's physical environment and its impact on the curriculum including photos:

- Describe opportunities that you had to set up indoor and outdoor play environments.
- Discuss how indoor and outdoor play environments could be improved at your placement.

Write a reflection on developmentally appropriate teaching/learning approaches including:

- Describe how you engaged children in spontaneous play.
- How do you feel about your ability to deal with challenging behaviors?
- Describe your experience with selecting and implementing integrated units or Project Approach. Include photos and work samplings.

4d Reflecting on own practices to promote positive outcomes for each child.

- Write a reflection on your teaching practices and how they promote positive outcomes for each child including:
 - Discuss your ability to assess a child's developmental ability.
 - How do you deal with individual differences among children's ability?
 - Describe the activities that you planned with the children's development in mind.

4e. Nutrition, health and safety

Provide sample menus, infectious disease warnings applied and licensing reports if applicable.

Key Element 5a: Understanding content knowledge and resources in academic disciplines: language and literacy; the arts-music movement, dance, drama, visual arts; mathematics; science, physical activity, physical education, health and safety; and social sciences.

Reflect on the following including:

- Summary of the content areas that you planned activities in.
- What content areas do you feel confident in planning?
- What content areas do you feel that you need continued development in planning?
- What resources do you use in planning the content areas?
- Describe how you scaffold children with their language and literature development.
- Explain how you chose to create your cumulative project as either an integrated unit or the Project Approach. Reflect on the process and your outcomes.
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Key Element 5c: Using own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate developmental and learning outcomes for every young child.

Write a reflective essay describing:

- Your ability to utilize the planning for children.
- Your ability to understand and apply the new CT ELDS.
- Your experience with assimilating the CT ELDS.

6 a. Identifying and Involving Oneself with the Early Childhood Field.

Write a reflective Essay describing your personal mission statement including:

- Define being an Early Childhood professional?
- Describe what you have learned about professionalism including your individual work with children.
- In what ways do your attitudes and dispositions affect your professionalism?
- What resources do you utilize to uphold your professionalism?
- In general, how do you feel about yourself as a teacher? What are your strengths and what other things do you need to work on?

6b Knowing About and Upholding Ethical Standards and Other Professional Guidelines

Write a reflective essay on NEAYC Code of Ethical Conduct including:

- Describe how you view your responsibility to uphold and model ethical behavior.
- Site several examples of “unethical behavior” that you have observed or heard discussed in your coursework. (careful – relay in a professional manner – and anonymously)

Key Element 6c. Engage in Continuous, Collaborative Learning to Inform Practice

6d. Integrating knowledgeable, Reflective and Critical Perspectives on Early Education

Write a reflective essay describing how your learning has continued to develop throughout the program including:

- How you have improved your own classroom performance by your own learning efforts.
- Describe your use of media and technology with young children. How did you decide if the media and technology were appropriate? How did you integrate it into the curriculum?

6e. Engaging in informed advocacy for children and the profession.

Site samples when this occurred.

The aforementioned NAEYC standards and documentation ideas combined with your class assessments done in the first class, will be refined and a list will be generated and refined to outline your Digication portfolio.

Sample: [Early Childhood Education](#)

- [ECE 295 Practicum](#)
 - [Introduction Letter \(NAEYC Standard 4a\)](#)
 - [Philosophy of Teaching \(NAEYC Standards 4d, 5c, 6d\)](#)
 - [Classroom Layout](#)
 - [Dual Language Learners \(NAEYC Standards 1c, 2b\)](#)
 - [New Preschool Benchmarks \(NAEYC Standards 1c, 4a, 4c\)](#)
 - [Common Core Standards \(NAEYC Standards 4c, 6a\)](#)
 - [Tools of the Mind - Vygotsky \(NAEYC Standards 1c, 4a, 4c\)](#)
 - [Scaffolding \(NAEYC Standards 1c, 4c\)](#)
 - [Whole Brain Methods \(NAEYC Standard 4a, 4c\)](#)
 - [Cycle of Teaching \(NAEYC Standards 4a, 4c, 4d\)](#)
 - [Multiculturalism Methods and Approaches in Teaching \(NAEYC Standard 2c, 4c\)](#)
 - [Asking Open Ended Questions to Facilitate Higher Order Thinking \(NAEYC Standards 4c, 5b\)](#)
 - [Bi-Monthly \(NAEYC Standards 1b, 1c, 2b, 4a\)](#)
 - [Bi-monthly 1](#)
 - [Bi-Monthly 2](#)
 - [Lesson Plans \(NAEYC Standards 5a, 5b, 5c\)](#)
 - [Feed the Squirrel](#)
 - [Sunflower Exploration](#)
 - [Bark Rubbings](#)
 - [Reflection of Lesson Plans \(NAEYC Standards 3b, 4d\)](#)
 - [Reflection: Feed the Squirrel](#)

- [Reflection: Sunflower Exploration](#)
 - [Reflection: Bark Rubbing](#)
- [Learning Experiences \(NAEYC Standards 1c, 3b, 4c, 5c\)](#)
 - [Apples and Pumpkins](#)
 - [Tree Study: Part 1](#)
 - [Tree Study: Part 2](#)
- [Final Integrated Curriculum Unit \(NAEYC Standards 3b, 3c\)](#)
- [How Do Children Learn to Read \(NAEYC Standards 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c\)](#)
- [How Do Children Learn to Write \(NAEYC Standards 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c\)](#)
- [Music of the 21st Century \(NAEYC Standards 5a, 5c\)](#)
- [Social Studies \(NAEYC Standards 5a, 5c\)](#)
- [How to deal with conflict \(NAEYC Standard 6b\)](#)
- [What Motivates YOU? \(NAEYC Standards 6a, 6b, 6c\)](#)
- [Goodbye & Thank You Letters \(NAEYC Standard 2b\)](#)
- [Scanned Evaluations \(NAEYC Standard 6b\)](#)
- [ECTC](#)



Step One: Getting Started

You may begin by asking lots of questions, meeting families, conversing with children and respecting that you are quest in your classroom. No one is expecting you to come in with bells and whistles, nor do they expect you to know all of the answers. Think of yourself as a volunteer and take the time to notice if a child needs a shoe velcroed, help with a computer or a gentle conversation. Soon you will begin to understand the structure of the day and where you are expected to be to help and to best utilize your time. This is the best time to ask questions politely and appropriately of your teacher. Sometime nonverbal cues will be the best form of communication. For example, if your teacher is running group time you can motion or ask – “Do you want me to be on rug in group, or is it better for me to be setting up snack?”

Step Two: Jumping In

Depending on your experiences, you will know intuitively when you should be taking on more initiative. No one wants a deadbeat student teacher, who comes March is still sitting and watching. Jump in. It is expected that you will have done 2 monthly learning experiences starting mid Feb through mid March. Students will plan, implement and evaluate different learning experiences with young children. Students may use the texts or activities from other sources. These activities will be planned in conjunction with the supervising teacher at the school where the student is student teaching and developed and presented by the student teacher. The activities must be selected from language and literacy, music, dance, drama, art, mathematics, physical education, social studies, science, geography, history, economics and social relations/civics.

Step Three: Cumulative Project – THE BIGGY

By the mid – April you should be prepared to take more control of the class and to begin your thematic or in-depth “projects.” Our seminars and your teachers WILL HELP YOU GET THIS POINT.

Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards

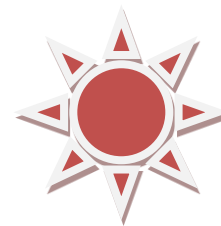
Three Rivers Community College

Domains	Cognition	Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development and Health	Early Language, Communication, and Literacy	Creative Arts	Math	Science
Strand A	Develop effective approaches to learning Curiosity and Initiative Engagement Eagerness to Learn Peer Cooperation	Develop trusting healthy attachments and relationships with caregiver Trusting Relationship Managing Separation	Develop Gross Motor Mobility Large Muscle and Coordination	Understand Receptive Language Word Comprehension Language Comprehension	Engage and Enjoy the ARTS	Understand counting and cardinality Number names Cardinality Written Numerals Recognition of Quantity	Apply scientific practices Questioning and Defining Problems Investigating Using evidence
Strand B	Support Use of Logic and Reasoning Cause and Effect Attributes, Sorting and Patterns Problem Solving Symbolic Representation	Support and Develop Self-Regulation Regulation of Emotions and Behavior Regulation of Impulses and Behavior	Develop Fine Motor Skills Visual Motor Integration Small Muscle and Movement	Use Expressive Language Vocabulary Expression of Ideas, Feelings and Needs Language Structure		Understand and describe relationships to solve problems (operations/algebraic thinking) Number Operations	Engage in the process of engineering Design Cycle
Strand C	Strengthen Executive Function Choosing and Planning Task Persistence Cognitive Flexibility Working Memory Regulation of Attention and Impulses	Support children to develop, express, recognize and respond to emotions Emotional Expression Recognition and response to Emotions in Others	Support Children to Adaptive Skills – Cultural and Preference Critical Feeding Routines and Nutrition Safety and Responsibility	Use Language for Social Interactions Conventions of Conversation Language for Interaction		Understand the attributes and relative properties of objects (measurement and data) Measurement Date Sorting and Classifying	Understand patterns, process, and relationships of living things Unity and Diversity of Life Living Things and their interactions with the Environment and Each other
Strand D		Develop Self-Awareness, Self - Concept , and Competence Sense of Self Personal Preferences Self-Concept and Competency	Maintain Physical Health Status and well-being Physical Activity Healthy Behavior	Gain Book Appreciation and Knowledge Interest and Engagement in Books Understanding of Stories of Information		Understand shapes and spatial relationships (geometry and spatial sense) Spatial Relationships Identification of Shapes Composition of Shapes	Understand Physical Science Energy, Force and Motion Matters and its Properties

Strand E		Support to Develop Social Relationships Adult Relationships Play/ Friendship Conflict Resolution		Knowledge Of Print and its uses Book Concepts Print Concepts Letter Recognition			Understand Features of Earth Earth's Features and the Effects of Weather and W
Strand F				Develop Phonological Awareness Beginning sounds Rhyming Syllables			Earth and Human Activity

Three Evaluations for THREE RIVERS STUDENTS





Quick Glance Due Feb 25, 2015

Three Rivers Community College Observation for Cooperating Teacher Form

Student's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Classroom: _____ **Cooperating Teacher:** _____

Overview of Student's Performance:

Goals	Meeting this how? 1-with great success 2-with some success 3-with limited success 4-unsucessful NA not applicable	
Personal Characteristics		
Has created positive relationship with children, faculty and staff (greetes children by name)	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Shows enthusiasm	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Maintains expected professional appearance	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Professional Characteristics		
Accepts and implements constructive criticism	1 2 3 4 n/a	

Uses Development Appropriate Practices into classroom practices	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Demonstrates ethical practices	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Planning and Organization		
Demonstrates initiative in Curriculum Planning (asks questions, references standards)	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Meets deadlines and responsibilities for classroom requirements.	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Plans for individual differences.	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Sets appropriate learning environment for activities e.g. newspaper for painting	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Classroom Management		
Maintains discipline in appropriate way	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Makes self-available to assist children	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Motivates each child to participate and become involved	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Begins to manage routines and transitions in the classroom.	1 2 3 4 n/a	

Instructional Techniques		
Has taken initiative in classroom e.g. brought in literacy, nature and artifacts.	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Communicates effectively and utilizes varied questioning strategies	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Begins to implements lessons by using appropriate instructions, sequence and closure.	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Use effective verbal and non-verbal communication techniques.	1 2 3 4 n/a	
Select appropriate resources with co-op teacher's support (materials, technology, human) and instructional groupings to support child learning.	1 2 3 4 n/a	

Additional Comments:

Please return to Sheila L. Skahan at TRCC, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, CT 06360.



Second Evaluation for Cooperating Teachers - Midterm Language and Literacy Proficiency for Early Childhood Educators – DUE April 1st

Code: **PR** – Practiced Regularly **EM** – Emerging **ND** – Expected but Not Demonstrated

NA – Not Applicable or Expected

Competency	PR	EM	ND	NA
Uses a variety of language strategies during adult-child interactions:				
1. Engages in conversations with children that are developmentally appropriate and understood by participants.				
2. Facilitates dialogue between and among children to develop expressive language and thought.				
3. Participates in conversations on a variety of topics (using informal, conversational language).				
4. Participates in conversations regarding conceptual understandings and materials (introducing appropriate formal/literate language).				
5. Explains accurate meanings of new and or complex ideas using appropriate level of language for young children.				
6. Introduces concepts and materials using accurate, content specific language.				
7. Uses learner appropriate vocabulary to describe and narrate.				
8. Uses learner appropriate vocabulary to express ideas clearly.				
9. Poses questions that engage children and elicit interaction.				
10. Uses language that encourages and supports children's problem solving.				
Demonstrates positive listening skills:				

11. Clarifies own or others meanings by rewording.				
12. Elaborates children's ideas or descriptions by restating and extending comments with descriptive vocabulary.				
13. Provides responses to children's questions in appropriate, clear language.				
Creates a safe environment for language development:				
14. Makes eye contact at the children's level.				
15. Is enthusiastic and welcoming.				
16. Initiates and actively engages with all children (i.e. goes to where children are and speaks with them).				
17. Creates secure and predictable learning environment that supports opportunities for children to communicate with one another and adults.				
18. Builds upon the child's home language.				
19. Shows respect for the values, attitudes, expectations and cultures of the individual children.				
Demonstrates appropriate adult-adult interactions:				
20. Acknowledges parents and staff appropriately.				
21. Communicates professionally with other staff about the needs of the children and the classroom.				
Uses language correctly:				
22. Uses correct English grammar.				
23. Speaks with somewhat more complex sentence structure than young children.				
24. Speaks clearly with appropriate tone and inflection.				

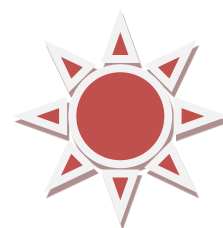
25. Uses clear pronunciation.				
26. Speaks with appropriate fluency.				

Please list Three Strengths of Your TRCC Student:

Please list Three Areas that your student could grow or improve:

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



THIS IS your TRCC Students FINAL EVAL!!! This is due May 13, 2015– thanks!!

Three Rivers Community College Student Teaching Portfolio Rubrics

Student's Name: _____

NAEYC Standard	Expected Outcomes	Exceeds Expectation (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Needs Improvement (1)	Insufficient (0)	Comments
4b Effective Strategies	Classroom Management: (through observations and teacher evaluations)	Recognized factors that create a positive classroom and implements them fully	Maintains a positive, respectful classroom	Begins to manage classroom but struggles with group control and transitions.	Overall unsuccessful in control and presence in the classroom.	
1c Learning Environments	Creates a positive environment, caring atmosphere; aware and responsive to group and individual needs	Classroom routines and student accountability are maintained with no assistance.	Classroom routines are maintained with little loss of instructional time, and with little assistance	Classroom positive environment is positive but student takes a back seat in most interactions and appears to need prodding at times.	Consistently needs prodding and does not appear to add a positive tempo to class or interactions.	
1b Multiple Influences	Display in their classroom practices a basic knowledge of influences on children's development and learning and early intervention approaches.	Utilized consistently and candidate appears confident in these approaches.	Utilized fairly consistently; beginning to implement intervention approaches.	Classroom practices are inconsistent. Aware of Child Development, Learning and Intervention but not integrated in smooth manner.	Upon questioning can speak of Classroom Practices but within the classroom – does not demonstrate understanding.	
4a	Beginning to use a variety of behavioral	Anticipates behavior and implements strategies that are sensitive to	Uses strategies that are intentional and yield desired result;	Uses strategies that sometimes yield desired results.	Uses ineffective strategies and does not vary techniques.	

Positive Relationships	management strategies	student differences	sensitive to student differences			
4a Relationships	Uses Developmental Effective Approaches to connect with Children and Families.	Candidate uses a wide array of strategies and tools to connect with families.	Candidate begins to use positive relationships and supportive interactions with families.	Candidate verbalizes the importance of this reciprocal relation with families but appears to struggle with putting it to practices.	Candidate does not demonstrate in classroom nor in observation via Bimonthly recordings.	
Skill # 2, 3	Clearly stated, with comprehensive goals	Candidate has acquired and analyzed information to develop a highly formulated philosophy	Candidate is showing acquired knowledge and is beginning to analyze philosophy	Basic requirements are listed but candidate does not show application of philosophy.	Vague, disconnected Philosophy.	
Biweekly Reflections:						
Skill 3 1a Children's Characteristics	Uses objective language to reflect Child Development Knowledge.	Candidate successfully writes objective and through descriptions with exceptional insight.	Candidate successfully writes objective and specific descriptions with insight.	Inconsistently writes descriptions that are objective but somewhat random.	More than half of the domains are not addressed.	

NAEYC	Expected Outcomes	Exceeds Expectation (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Needs Improvement (1)	Insufficient (0)	Comments
3a Assessment	Observation Methods observed and Tools Practiced	Candidate actively reports on tools they are using and tools being used in classroom with depth.	Actively reports on observation they are implementing and are seeing used in the classroom.	Some reporting noted and applied. Limited information shared.	No reporting or minimal observation noted or applied.	

6d Perspective Supportive Skill 3	Substantial Reflection on Ethical Principles	Embraces the ethical principles and actively pursues, reflects and processes the standards.	Actively reports on role of ethics in placements. Appears to grasp overall integrity of ethics.	Inconsistently reports ethics followed and violated.	Reports nothing.	
	Lesson/Curriculum:					
5b Central Concepts	Objectives relative to students	All students are able to identify and follow objective of the lesson with interest and ease	Communicates objectives to all students. Students follow.	Objectives are not well communicated to students. Students appear confused.	Students lost. Candidates appear unclear of goal and objective of the lesson.	
5c Appropriate Curricula	Begins to monitor and adjust to student understanding	Consistently monitors and adjusts to student understanding	Consistently monitors and adjusts to student understanding with some coaching.	Little Evidence.	No Evidence.	
5a Understanding Content	Engages students in meaningful activities	Lesson reflects through knowledge of learning, content and child development.	Lesson reflects much knowledge of child development, learning and content.	Lesson reflects some knowledge of child development, learning and content – but has many challenges based on overall flaw.	Does not engage students.	
5a Understanding Content	Implements Project Approach including Phases I, II, and III	Project Approach executed with skill and integrity of curricula.	Project Approach executed with authenticity and with basic understanding of execution.	Project Approach executed with limited success e.g. misunderstood basic premise.	No attempt to implement the Project Approach	
	Closure activities allow for students to express what	Students express what they have learned and	Closure activities help students make connections to	Closure activities limited, with little	No closure activity noted.	

5c 4b Effective Tools	they have learned	make connections to past and future learning.	past and future learning.	connections to past and future learning Seems as if class is just going through the steps.		
	Work Samplings					
Supportive Skills 2, 3, 4 3c Responsible Assessment	Candidate's Artifacts, Photos and documentation will provide evidence of learning, teaching and individual differences.	Bountiful and aesthetically appealing support. Avoids scrap booking!	Earnest attempt to support teaching with evidence.	Some effort to include artifacts but no exploration or conclusions made. Items placed not analyzed.	Minimal to no evidence available.	
NAEYC	Expected Outcomes	Exceeds Expectation (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Needs Improvement (1)	Insufficient (0)	Comments
6d Integration of Knowledge	Closure activities allow for students to express what they have learned	Students express what they have learned and make connections to past and future learning.	Closure activities help students make connections to past and future learning.	Closure activities limited, with little connections to past and future learning Seems as if class is just going through the steps.	No closure activity noted.	
	Resources and Planning:					
6e Informed Advocacy	Seeks out and utilizes multiple resources to meet needs or age group and individuals	Uses multiple resources to meet the needs of all students	Intentional use of available resources	Limited use of available resources	Does not ask for help or seek any resources to assist.	
	Considers students' cultural and	Intentionally develops activities that	Often develops activities that	Begins to develop activities that	No evidence.	

1b Multiple Influences	socioeconomic background and interests when engaging students and planning lessons	reflect diverse backgrounds and interests	reflect diverse backgrounds and interests	reflect diverse backgrounds and interests but struggles to identify uniqueness.		
Responsibility: (seminars and teaching hours)						
Supportive Skill 3	Shows enthusiasm and reflects on self-reflection in written work and participation	Consistently and accurately reflects on the impact of instruction and teaching.	Usually accurately reflects on the impact of instruction and teaching.	Evaluates self in ways that are inaccurate or unrealistic.	Unable to self reflect.	
2b Reciprocal	Mutual Respect to Community	Demonstrates high respect to children, peers, families, teachers and Faculty.	Demonstrates respect to children, peers, families, teachers and Faculty.	Mostly demonstrates respect to children, peers, families, teachers and Faculty.	Have demonstrated disrespect to children, peers, families, teachers and/or Faculty.	
6b Professional Standards	Has record of excellent attendance, punctuality, and is prepared	Consistent	Usually	Inconsistent	Poor; Documentation is included. .	
6b Professional Standards	Demonstrates professional ethics during seminar and teaching hours (confidentiality, respect, fairness, legal obligations)		Usually demonstrates professional ethics in most aspects of the teaching profession	Inconsistently demonstrates professional ethics; has to be reminded about issues of confidentiality, fairness, and legal responsibilities Always demonstrates professional ethics in most aspects of the teaching profession		

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____



ECE Student Teaching PRACTICUM – Grading System Spring 2015	Points Possible	Actual Points
Name:		
Eportfolio with DiGICATION, will be where you document your competencies in observing, teaching and applying strategies and methods to teach preschoolers. You will be given a separate matrix for this project.	450	
Learning Opportunities, Classroom Observations and Intentional Planning Guide. Each student must demonstrate the ability to incorporate the following: Connecticut Early Learning Standard Creative Curriculums or School Districts N-3 Objectives. __Again, the intent is to complement the schools or programs planned curriculum.	450	
Family Education Presentation includes: An active family home to school activity which helps student and school better understand the reciprocal relationship between families and school. Examples may include story kits, and home enrichment activities.	100	

Teaching	1000	
Evaluations PART TWO OF YOUR ASSESSMENT		
Your supervising instructor will make 2 observation visits including one, which MAY be video recorded.	200	
Your cooperating teacher will submit an evaluation of your performance in the classroom midterm and a final.	550	
Self-Evaluation and Final Evaluation– you will evaluate yourself mid-semester and as a final.	250	
Total Eval – in classroom	1000 points	

Just in case, you blinked☺ Check out newer websites for ece AND TRCC.



1. **Start by going directly to CT CHARTS A COURSE website click here:**

<http://www.ctcharts.org/>

2. Go to the CT Office of Early Childhood – click here:

<http://www.ct.gov/oec/site/default.asp> The OEC oversees a coordinated system of early childhood care, education and support. Again, everything you need to know specific, to ECE is here.

3. Board of Regency in CT – Click Here: <http://www.ct.edu/>

The 2 and 4 year colleges have merged with the exception of UCONN. Find out the how and why's here.



4. Go to the TRCC webpage: <http://www.threerivers.edu/>

5. Go to

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/LIB/sde/pdf/deps/readiness/SR/GP_13_04.pdf

to better understand the new ECTC Credential. More information will be included in our fall newsletter.

6. **Praxis I Exam**

The PRAXIS has changed! Click on:

[http://www.teacherstestprep.com/praxis-](http://www.teacherstestprep.com/praxis-connecticut?gclid=CPLM6KjYncACFehj7AodXgQAcg)

[connecticut?gclid=CPLM6KjYncACFehj7AodXgQAcg](http://www.teacherstestprep.com/praxis-connecticut?gclid=CPLM6KjYncACFehj7AodXgQAcg) – this video best describes the new PRAXIS I.

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