

# Introduction to Early Childhood Spring 2011



**Monday Evening 5:00 to 7:45**

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**Course Name: Introduction to Early Childhood Education**

**Common Course Number: ECE\*101 (formerly CDV K111) ; 3 Credit Hours**

This course introduces students to a study of the historical, anthropological, psychological, philosophical, and social perspectives of early care and education for children ages 0-8. The course acquaints students with trends in educational settings including the organization, history, and governance of American schools. The course includes the study of child development, learning models, and the multiple roles in the early childhood education profession. Field trips and observations of early childhood programs will be required.

**Prerequisites:** ENG\* K100 eligibility or permission of instructor.

**Course Outcomes:**

**Upon completion of the course, the students will be able to:**

- **Understand the history, social perspective and theoretical foundations for Early Childhood Education learning models, environments and programming.**
- **Demonstrate familiarity with a broad spectrum of roles, responsibilities and expectations of the Early Childhood Education professional.**
- **Understand the core principles of child development, home-school-community partnerships, and strategies that guide quality Early Childhood Education programming.**

**Key Learning Goals**

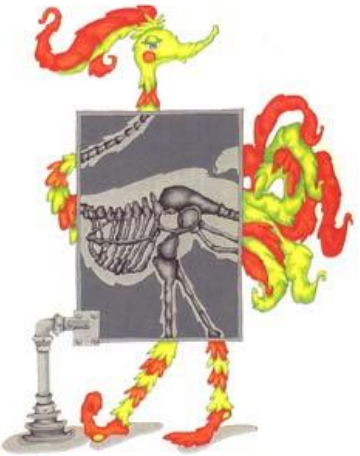
- Identify the evolution and history of childhood for the past 400 years . (NAEYC, 5a)
- Define the philosophies of John Dewey, Friedrich Froebel, Lev Vygotsky, Jean Piaget and Howard Gardner. (NAEYC , 5a)
- Define the characteristics of Waldorf schools, Montessori schools, Reggio Emilia, School Readiness, Head Start and Perry Preschool programs; (NAEYC , 6c)
- Identify key characteristics of the multiple settings in which children are provided early learning experiences and / or care; (NAEYC, 6a, 6c)
- Compare and contrast the theories of human development including but not limited to; Behaviorist Theory, Cognitive Theory, Socio-Cultural Theory, Humanistic Theory, and Multiple Intelligence Theory; (5a, 5b)
- Identify the key learning domains commonly associated to child development such as Social-Emotional, Language, Motor, Creative, & Cognitive; (1a)
- Recognize age appropriate and culturally appropriate development expectations for the young child; (NAEYC, 2c)
- Define differing learning styles and teaching strategies of the learning process; (4b)
- Define the importance of social-emotional relationships between teacher and child and family including current research and personal experiences; ( 2a, 2c)
- Identify how observations help you assess young children and what methodologies of assessment are best practice (NAEYC, 3a)
- Integrate language, literacy, math, science, art, music and social studies into a learning unit for a young child; (NAEYC, 5b)

- Identify positive approaches to discipline using child guidance alternatives and behavioral assessment strategies; (1b,)
- Evaluate early childhood learning environments with particular attention with respect for diversity, learning climates, and quality interactions; (2c)
- Identify the resources for defining requirements and educational requirements needed to be certified in the State of CT for both child care and elementary ECE teachers; (NAEYC 6b)
- Recognize the ethical concerns and dilemma's related to early care and education; (6b)
- Identify resources for determining state and federal legislation and its' effect on the early childhood system and learning gaps for programs servicing children ages 0-8; (6c)
- Demonstrate writing and literacy skills aligned with the State of Connecticut Teaching Competencies; (Supportive Skills, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Define the current issues associated with Universal Preschool; (6c)
- Use Writing Center and library as needed to complete writing requirement (Supportive Skills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

## **Method of Evaluation**

- Class participation and individual contribution.
- Final Comparison Model Paper
- Short essay and matching terminology examinations.
- Chapter Summaries
- Student group professional presentations (oral and written).
- Field Visits and Experiences
- Notebook Reading Summaries
- Responsive Classroom Participation
- Reaction Papers
- Professional Teaching Dispositions
- Technology through media and WebCT

## Grading System for INTRO TO ECE SPRING 2011

Requirements for Fall Intro to ECE:		Your GRADE	Confirmed
 <p>1. Observations of TWO SITES</p>	250		
	150		
	100		
	150		
	150		
	100		
	100		
<p>2. Midterm</p>			
<p>3. Notebook Chapter Summaries Chapters</p>			
<p>4. Group Curriculum Project</p>			
<p>5. Reaction Papers (add all three; divide by three; multiply by 2).</p>			
<p>6. VOCABULARY TESTS</p>			
<p>6 Advocacy &amp; Professionalism: Attend public hearing on legislation relative to early childhood issues, or an AEYC meeting or Readiness Council meeting in Norwich, Groton or New London or attend meeting at local FRIENDSHIP School or charter school to Public School Choice. Social Sciences Sit In also qualify.. Bring in educational artifacts.</p>	Extra credit		
<p>7. Attendance and participation  <u>All missed classes, late arrivals and LATE ASSIGNMENTS work against your grade.</u> This is an intense course – participation and attendance are critical to your success. Each class missed will count against your grade. Off tasks behaviors, negative attitudes and unprofessional class time conversations will be taken from this point average. Outside research, assisting others outside of class, positive leadership and taking extra steps to read, study and investigate the observation process will warrant extra points. Each student will have a voice so please allow them this freedom by LISTENING – thanks.</p>	100 points		

Ask QUESTIONS!!!!	Total	1,000 % 10= grade		
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### Grading System

The following numerical grade system will be used

Grade	Equivalent	Quality Points
A	96-100	4.0
A-	90-95	3.7
B+	86-89	3.3
B	83-85	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	63-66	1.0
F		0.0

**Missed Classes:** For full credits, assignments must be submitted at class time, unless otherwise approved

### Cellular Phones and

### Beeper

Students are notified that cellular phones and beepers are allowed in class or in the Learning Resource Center only if they are turned off or turned to a silent mode. Under no circumstances are phones to be answered in class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require that a student be available by phone or beeper, the student should speak to the instructor prior to class, so that together they can arrive at an agreement.

This class has incorporated the following NAEYC standards into its' goals. Throughout your studies

by the instructor. NO CREDIT will be given for late assignments past the grace period with the exception of extreme circumstances.

### Special Needs/Disabilities Statement

If you have a hidden or visible disability or special circumstance, which may require my attention or classroom or test taking modifications, please see me as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, please consult with Chris Scarborough, Disabilities Student Counselor or speak to me during the FIRST WEEK OF CLASS.

### College Resources

In order to pursue a career in teaching, you **MUST** be literate. To help you with your writing skills, we have the privilege of working with The Norwich Adult Education who will visit our classroom to give you the resources to improve your writing. Please **UTILIZE** this service; it is an investment of time that will help you tremendously. toward your ECE degree you will meet all of these requirements.

### E-mails

Please make sure you have a current email address on file with the Registrar's office. Please make sure that you have a professional email not one that reads like a Nickelodeon special <"Ilovebobby@aol" or an R-rated version. Your emails should be professionally  
Through out the course, our goal is to meet the following National Association of Young Children Standards

### NAEYC STANDARDS....

Standard 1: Promoting child development and learning

Standard 2: Building family and community relationships

Standard 3: Observing, documenting, and assessing to support young children and families

Standard 4: Teaching and learning

Standard 5: Becoming a professional

### The Supportive Skills

Supportive Skill 1: Self-assessment and self-advocacy

Supportive Skill 2: Mastering and applying foundational concepts from general education

Supportive Skill 3: Written and verbal communications skills

Supportive Skill 4: Making connections between prior knowledge/experience and new learning

Supportive Skill 5: Identifying and using professional resources presented.

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

Standard 5: Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum

Standard 6: Becoming a professional

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**SPRING 2011**

**Jan. 17** Martin Luther King Day - **College Closed**

**Jan. 19** Professional Day  
New Student Orientation  
Last Day for Full Tuition Refund

**Jan. 20** **Classes Begin/Late** Registration Begins  
Add/Drop Period Begins

**Jan. 24** First 7 ½ -Week Mods Begin

**Jan. 27** Instructor Signature Required to Add Classes

**Feb. 2** Last Day of Add/Drop and Partial Tuition Refund

**Feb. 3** College Professional Day – **Classes Not In Session**

**Feb. 17** Last Day to Select Audit Option

**Feb. 21** President's Day Observed – **Classes Not In Session**

**Mar. 13- 19** Spring Break - **Classes Not in Session**

**Mar. 22** Second 7 ½ -Week Mods Begin

**Mar. 23** First 7 ½ -Week Mods End

**Apr. 7** Last Day to Select Pass/Fail Option

Last Day to Submit Incomplete Work from Fall '10 semester and Intersession '11.

**Apr. 8** Faculty System Professional Day – **Classes In Session**

**Apr. 15** Last Day to apply for Summer (August '11) Graduation

**Apr. 22 -24 Spring Recess – College Closed**

**May 9** Last Day to Withdraw from Classes

**May 16** Last Day of 15 Week Session

**May 16** Second 7 ½ -Week Mods End

**May 17 - 18** Make-up/Supplemental sessions - **Instructor Discretion**

**May 19** Final Grades Due

**May 21** **Commencement**

**May 27** Student grades available on Web

**May 30** Memorial Day - **College Closed**

**June 15** Last day to apply for Fall Graduation (December '11)

## Course Outline: Spring 2011

Week #	Dates	Chapters	Assignments	Objective	NAEYC/NCATE Standards for Professional Preparation Programs
1	January 19th	Class Overview Begin to Read Chapter One	Begin to Read Chapter One  Assign First Reaction Paper	Identify resources for determining state and federal legislation and its' effect on the early childhood system and learning gaps for programs servicing children ages 0-8;	Standard 6a: Becoming a professional
2	January 24	Major Milestones of History – and Myths	First Reaction Paper Due Assign Second Reaction Paper	-Identify the evolution and history of childhood for the past 400 years	Standard 4b: Knowing and understanding effective strategies and tools for early education.
3	January 31, 2011	One History of ECE	Second Reaction Paper Due	Identify the evolution and history of childhood for the past 400 years	Standard 4c: Using a broad repertoire of developmental appropriate teaching/learning approaches.
4	February 7	Chapter Two	Get Caught up on Your reading  On line VIEWING  Book YOUR OBSERVATIONS	Identify resources for determining state and federal legislation and its' effect on the early childhood system and learning gaps for programs servicing children ages 0-8;  Define the characteristics of Waldorf schools, Montessori schools, Reggio Emilia, School Readiness, Head Start and Perry Preschool programs;	Standard 4: Approaches to Connect with Children and Families Using Developmentally Effective Approaches  Standard 6: Becoming a Professional by identifying and involving oneself with the early childhood field.

5	February 14	Chapter Three Young Children	Reaction Paper Three Due Children and Socioeconomic Class or find your own PROFESSIONAL Journal Article	-Identify the key learning domains commonly associated to child development such as Social-Emotional, Language, Motor, Creative, & Cognitive; -Recognize age appropriate and culturally appropriate development expectations for the young child	Standard 1: Promoting Child Development and Learning:
6	Feb 21	Chapter Four Developmental Theories	Read Chapter Four – begin to build cards and research for Midterm.(Chapters 1-4)	-Define the philosophies of John Dewey, Friedrich Froebel, Lev Vygotsky, Jean Piaget and Howard Gardner.  Define the characteristics of Waldorf schools, Montessori schools, Reggio Emilia, School Readiness, Head Start and Perry Preschool programs;	Standard 1:  Promoting Child Development and Learning:
7	Feb 28	Chapter Four Developmental Theories		-Define the philosophies of John Dewey, Friedrich Froebel, Lev Vygotsky, Jean Piaget and Howard Gardner.	Standard 4: Approaches to Connect with Children and Families Using Developmentally Effective Approaches  Standard 6: Becoming a professional
8	March 7	Chapter Four Developmental Theories	EXAM	-Compare and contrast the theories of human development including but not limited to; Behaviorist Theory, Cognitive Theory, Maturationists, Sociocultural Theory, Humanistic Theory, and Multiple Intelligence Theory.	Standard 4: Approaches to Connect with Children and Families Using Developmentally Effective Approaches  Standard 6 Becoming a professional

9	March 14	Observing Two Sites in the Community	Spring BREAK!!! Chapter Summary Due	Identify positive approaches to discipline using child guidance alternatives and behavioral assessment strategies;	Standard 6 Becoming a professional
10	March 21	CHAPTER 8 FAMILIES	2nd Observation Due Chapter Summary Due	Define the importance of social-emotional relationships between teacher and child and family including current research and personal experiences;	Standard 3: Observing, Documenting and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families
11	March 28	Guest Speaker Chapter 9 Environments	Chapter Summary Due	Using developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments.	Standard 1: Promoting Child Development and Learning:
12	April 4	Chapter 10 Creating Environments;	Chapter Summary Due	Evaluate early childhood learning environments with particular attention with respect for diversity, learning climates, and quality interactions;	Standard 4: Approaches to Connect with Children and Families Using Developmentally Effective Approaches  Standard 6: Becoming a professional
13	April 11	Chapter 10 Curriculum Essentials	Prepare curriculum materials for Lab School in GROUPS – study Group	Identify the key learning domains commonly associated to child development such as Social-Emotional, Language, Motor, Creative, & Cognitive;  Recognize age appropriate and culturally appropriate development expectations for the young child;	Standard 1: Promoting child development and learning  Standard 4: Approaches to Connect with Children and Families Using Developmentally Effective Approaches
14	April 18	Children with Special Needs	Special Needs Speaker Julie Leis , Birth to Three	Knowing and understanding young children's characteristics and needs  Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching	Standard 1: Promoting child development and learning  Standard 6:

				learning approaches	Becoming a professional
15	April 25	FINAL – FINAL-	FINAL-FINAL- FINAL MANDATORY CAPSTONE VOCABULARY;	Engaging in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice.	Standard 6

**Required Text:**

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State of CT, Department of Ed. CT Benchmarks  
[http://www.state.ct.us/sde/deps/Early/Preschool\\_Assessment\\_Framework.pdf](http://www.state.ct.us/sde/deps/Early/Preschool_Assessment_Framework.pdf)

National Association for the Education Of Young Children <http://www.naeyc.org>

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