

Early Childhood Education: Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Want to have an impact on the most important years of human development? Students will learn how to create fun and educational environments for children, how to keep the environment safe for children, and how to encourage the health and well-being of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children.

Unit 1: Childcare Roles and Obligations

Learning Objectives:

- * Explain why early childhood education matters.
- * Describe different types of families and parenting arrangements.
- * Describe the legal responsibilities of parenthood.
- * Discuss the moral or ethical responsibilities of parenthood.
- * Describe the basic responsibilities of child-care providers.
- * Explain how culture and diversity impact the child-care environment.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Childcare Roles and Obligations: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Childcare Roles and Obligations: Online Early Childhood Education Lab	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

Questions		
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz – Childcare Roles and Obligations	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 2: A Clean, Safe and Healthy Childcare Environment

Learning Objectives:

- * Demonstrate how to sanitize and disinfect the child care environment.
- * Demonstrate proper hand-washing technique and practices.
- * Describe safe infant-sleep habits.
- * Describe appropriate security for the child-care home or center.

ASSIGNMENTS:

A Clean, Safe and Healthy Childcare Environment: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
A Clean, Safe and Healthy Childcare Environment: Online Early Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

**Unit 2 Quiz – A Clean, Safe and Healthy
Childcare Environment**

Quiz

15 points

Unit 3: Food and Nutrition

Learning Objectives:

- * Describe and explain the USDA and state requirements for meals in a child-care facility.
- * Explain what is required for participation in the Child and Adult Food Care Program.
- * Explain how to plan meals and menus for children.
- * Describe positive mealtime strategies.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Food and Nutrition: Unit Text Questions

Homework

10 points

**Food and Nutrition: Online Early
Childhood Education Lab Questions**

Homework

10 points

Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1

Discussion

5 points

Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2

Discussion

5 points

Unit 3 Quiz – Food and Nutrition

Quiz

15 points

Unit 4: Rules and Regulations**Learning Objectives:**

- * Describe the types of child-care facilities.
- * Explain how child-care facilities are regulated.
- * Describe the rules that apply to child-care facilities.
- * Describe the signs and symptoms of child abuse.
- * Explain how to speak to a child disclosing abuse.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Galaxies: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Galaxies: Online Early Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz – Galaxies	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 5: Early Childhood Development**Learning Objectives:**

- * Define and discuss physical, cognitive, language, and social development.
- * Describe the typical stages of development from infancy through the school years.
- * Describe how to recognize typical developmental milestones.

* Explain when to talk to parents about possible developmental delays.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Early Childhood Development: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Early Childhood Development: Online Early Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz – Early Childhood Development	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Early Childhood Education Midterm Exam

Learning Objectives:

- * Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- * Take a course exam based on material from the first five units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

ASSIGNMENT:

Early Childhood Education Midterm Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Midterm Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 6: Play: A Child's Work

Learning Objectives:

- * Describe how children develop and grow cognitively during early childhood.
- * Describe when play behaviors develop and how children play at different ages.
- * Explain what the types of play are and how they benefit children.
- * Explain how to integrate play into children's activities in a child-care setting.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Play: A Child's Work: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Play: A Child's Work: Online Early Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 6 Quiz – Play: A Child's Work	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 7: Guidance and Discipline

Learning Objectives:

- * Describe the three basic types of child discipline.

- * Explain how to effectively communicate with children.
- * Explain how to use positive language to create good behavior and self-esteem.
- * Describe when to intervene and help children manage their own interactions.
- * Explain how to discipline children at different ages.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Guidance and Discipline: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Guidance and Discipline: Online Early Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz – Guidance and Discipline	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 8: Communication, Observation and Recording

Learning Objectives:

- * Demonstrate developmentally appropriate communication with children.
- * Demonstrate how to talk with parents and maintain open communication.
- * Describe what observation is and how to observe children.
- * Explain record keeping in a childcare setting.
- * Describe and discuss how to use your observations to improve the care of children.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Communication, Observation and Recording: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Communication, Observation and Recording: Online Early Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz – Communication, Observation and Recording	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 9: Literacy and Language**Learning Objectives:**

- * Describe how to encourage language development in young children.
- * Describe ways young children use language.
- * Explain what a literacy-rich environment looks like and how to create one.
- * Describe the six essential pre-literacy skills.
- * Explain how to support children in learning pre-literacy skills.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Literacy and Language: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Literacy and Language: Online Early		

Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 9 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 9 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 9 Quiz – Literacy and Language	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 10: Personal Goals and Development

Learning Objectives:

- * Explain how to develop an educational plan that will help you to meet your goals.
- * Describe good work habits.
- * Describe where to find and how to use professional-development opportunities.
- * Explain what personality traits will help you succeed.
- * Explain how to care for yourself while caring for children.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Personal Goals and Development: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Personal Goals and Development: Online Early Childhood Education Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 10 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 10 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 10 Quiz – Personal Goals and Development	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Early Childhood Education Final Exam

Learning Objectives:

- * Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- * Take a course exam based on material from units six to ten in this course – the last five units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

ASSIGNMENT:

Early Childhood Education Final Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	10 points