CDEV 210: CURRICULUM AND STRATEGIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Credit Hours: 3

Scheduled hours per week

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0

Field Experience: 20 hours of field experience total for the semester

Catalog Course Description:

Explores curricula associated with early childhood programs, organizing and preparing experiences for young children including creative play, and integrating experiences in early childhood programs.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: 20 hours of field experience must be completed to successful complete the course.

Course learning Outcomes:

- 1. Identify developmentally appropriate practice in early childhood education. (NAEYC Standards 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c) (WV Standards 1.2-1.9, 3.2, 4.1)
- 2. Compare a variety of early childhood curriculums. (NAEYC Standards 4b, 4c) (WV Standards 4.4, 4.5)
- 3. Identify strategies for embedding developmental domains into the curriculum. (NAEYC Standards 1a, 4b, 4c, 5) (WV Standards 4.4, 4.5)
- 4. Develop plans for effective group play based activities for young children. (NAEYC Standards 4c, 5b) (WV Standards 4.4)
- 5. Describe strategies and methods used to identify children's individual differences and needs. (NAEYC Standards 1c, 1b, 1c, 1d, 4b, 5b) (WV Standards 4.6)
- 6. Identify the rationale for including families in the planning process. (NAEYC Standards 1c) (WV Standards 2.3)

CLO Assessment Methods: Discussions, written assignments, journals, quizzes and projects.

Topics to be studied:

- Major curriculum theorists in the field of early childhood development
- Developmental levels of children
- Strategies to meet needs of young children
- Play and its impact in the classroom
- Designing and planning learning strategies
- Culturally, physically, and cognitively sensitive strategies

Relationship of course to program or Discipline Learning Outcomes:

CAS 1 Early childhood educators will identify stages of child development. (NAEYC 1) CAS 2 Early childhood educators will identify ways to build partnerships with families and the community. (NAEYC 2)

CAS 3 Early childhood educators will describe effective assessment strategies for each child. (NAEYC 3)

CAS 4 Early childhood educators will examine a variety of appropriate teaching strategies to meet the needs of diverse children. (NAEYC 4)

CAS 5 Early childhood educators will recognize developmentally appropriate curriculum. (NAEYC 5)

Check if approved as: ☐ Foundational Learning Course ☐ Reinforcement Learning Course

Special projects or requirements of the course:

Curriculum Project

Design activities that align with WV Early Learning Standards Framework for Birth through Five.

Additional information: NA

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