

CDEV 215: Healthy Environments

Credit Hours: 3

Scheduled hours per week

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Field Experience Hours: 0

Catalog Course Description:

Introduction to health and safety requirements and responsibilities for early childhood professionals. Health, nutrition, and safety policies, procedures, and practices are studied.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Course learning Outcomes:

1. Identify state child care licensing requirements that focus on nutrition, health, sanitation, and safety. (NAEYC Standard 6; WV Core Competencies 5.1-7)
2. Analyze practices that support the development of safe healthy environments. (NAEYC Standards 1, 4 WV Core Competencies 5.1-7)
3. Explain universal precautions for sanitation practices. (NAEYC Standard 1, 6 WV Core Competencies 5.1-7)
4. Design developmentally appropriate activities to teach young children healthy and safe behaviors. (NAEYC Standards 1, 4 WV Core Competencies 4.5-6,5.1-7)
5. Describe basic procedures for emergency responses. (NAEYC Standard 1, 6 WV Core Competencies 5.1-7)
6. Describe appropriate nutritional needs for young children. (NAEYC Standard 1, 4 WV Core Competencies 5.1-7)

Topics to be studied:

- Assessing children's health
- Caring for children with special medical conditions
- The infectious process
- Creating high-quality environments
- Safety management
- Foods and nutrients, the basics
- Child abuse and neglect
- Planning for children's health and safety education

CLO Assessment Methods: Quizzes, discussions, written assignments, lesson plans, scenarios, projects and checklists.)

Relationship of course to program or Discipline Learning Outcomes:

AAS 1 Early childhood educators will explain stages of child development. (NAEYC 1)

AAS 2 Early childhood educators will demonstrate effective ways to form partnerships with families and the community. (NAEYC 2)

AAS 3 Early childhood educators will compare effective assessment strategies for each child. (NAEYC 3)

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

AAS 5 Early childhood educators will choose developmentally appropriate curriculum for young children. (NAEYC 5)

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

Special projects or requirements of the course:

Early childhood menu development
Safety Check

Additional information: NA

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