



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will be prepared to promote Child Development and Learning from children birth to age eight. Their knowledge base will allow them to understand children's characteristics and needs and the multiple interacting influences on children's development and learning to create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging for each child.

PREREQUISITES:

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be familiar with:

- Discuss the history of early childhood education, and the related trends and development in the education of infants and toddlers and preschool children.
- Discuss the effect of national and state licensing standards on early childhood programs and practices, and caregiver qualifications.
- Discuss the NAEYC recommendations and their implications for early childhood education.
- Discuss the types of jobs in early childhood education, qualifications and job opportunities.
- Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of infant and toddler programs and preschool programs.
- Discuss legislative trends in early childhood education, and their implications for educational programs for infants and toddlers, and pre-school children.
- Discuss CDA requirements, needs and activities in the development of the CDA portfolio.
- Demonstrate college level writing skills.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills.
- Demonstrate communicative skills.
- Demonstrate college level reading skills.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E