COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Philosophy and Ethics of Teaching Children

CODE NO.: ED 268

PROGRAM: Early Childhood Education

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DATE

TOTAL CREDITS: 3

PREREQUISITE(S): ED 110 Field Practice II

HOURS/WEEK: 3
I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In order to develop an effective educational perspective and philosophy of Early Childhood Education for our time, the evaluation of ideas about Early Childhood Education in western civilization is traced, and relevant writings are examined. In depth comparisons of contemporary programmes are made. Students will examine professional ethics and issues related to the child care field. As a result, the individual student will develop a personal philosophy of working with young children.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

A. Learning Outcomes:

1. Examine and analyze contemporary philosophies of education and the programmes reflecting these approaches.

2. Examine current issues that impact on the education of young children

3. Develop a personal philosophy of early childhood education within the framework of ethical and professional standards

4. Demonstrate understanding of the Day Nurseries Act

B Learning Outcomes and Elements of the Performance:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Examine and analyze contemporary philosophies of education and the programmes reflecting these approaches.

Potential Elements of the Performance

a. acquire a historical perspective of child development views and practices and examine their influence on contemporary programmes.

b. use resources available in order to facilitate individual examination of various educational approaches.

c. demonstrate competency in researching and summarizing relevant historical philosophies.

d. utilize relevant literature, research and other pertinent information available
2. Examine current issues that impact on the education of young children

Potential Elements of the Performance
a. explore current government child care policy
b. investigate issues related to the availability, affordability and quality of child care
   c. outline supportive services for changing families

3. Develop a personal philosophy of preschool education.

Potential Elements of the Performance
a. examine the need for a philosophy of education
b. use available resources and participate in discussions which will effect personal
   and professional change
c. advocate for services to children and families and for the early childhood
   education profession
d. articulate a personal philosophy by developing an audio or video tape

4. Demonstrate understanding of the Day Nurseries Act

Potential Elements of the Performance:
a. Describe the tasks and responsibilities of early childhood educators in relation to
   current legislation
b. Summarize, present and clarify to peers, various sections of the Day Nurseries Act

III. TOPICS:

Note: These topics sometimes overlap several areas of skill development and are not
necessarily intended to be explored in isolated learning units or in the order below.

1. Historical study of child care
2. Child care issues
3. Changing Families
4. Quality Canadian child care
5. Child care in other countries
6. Ethics/ and Advocacy in child care
7. Working with the D.N.A.
8. Evaluating teaching philosophies
IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

The Emerging Educator, Working in Early Childhood Settings, Rudick, Nyisztor, Vanier College, ITP Nelson

Early Childhood Education Annual Editions- 96/97, 97/98, or 98/99 Dushkin

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Seminar (researched presentation and write-up) 15%
Articles (2x5) 10%
Working knowledge of D.N.A (presentation) 15%
Assignments: philosophy, ethics and advocacy 15%
Tape presenting own philosophy 30%
Attendance 15%

This is a “process” course, and class participation is crucial

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT (GRADING METHOD)

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:

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X  A temporary grade. This is used in limited situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course (see Policies & Procedures Manual – Deferred Grades and Make-up).

NR  Grade not reported to Registrar's office. This is used to facilitate transcript preparation when, for extenuating circumstances, it has not been possible for the faculty member to report grades.

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Special Needs:
If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your instructor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1204 or call Extension 493, 717, or 491 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Retention of course outlines:
It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Plagiarism:
Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course outline amendments:
The Professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.
VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:

Not yet available.

VIII. DIRECT CREDIT TRANSFERS:

Students who wish to apply for direct credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain a direct credit transfer form from the Dean’s secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.
#1
Student(s) will select and research a philosophy or approach used in Early Childhood Education, either past or present (suggested list attached). You will select important ideologies of the programme and present your findings to the class. You must also, at the time of presentation have a summary handout for each class member (instructor will give you a photocopy form, allow 3 days for coping) When you do your presentation in class, elicit class discussion, DO NOT read from notes /handouts. Class presentations will not be rescheduled and do not apply to E.C.E late policy.

#2
Using "Annual Editions" choose 2 articles and critique them using the guideline provided.
Due: First - Sept. 22. Second - Oct. 20

Articles submitted past the time frame mentioned will not be graded

#3
Each class member will research and be able to lead a discussion on a section of the D.N.A. It is imperative for Early Childhood Educators to have a working knowledge of the act. Due dates will be assigned and each presenter will have handouts prepared for each classmate.

#4
Assignments will be based on students' developing philosophy in the E.C.E field. Advocacy enhances professionalism. In promoting a particular cause, you must view it from the perspective of the individual(s) on whose behalf you are advocating. There will be assignments, on advocacy issues done by each student. (details will be discussed in class)

Each of us faces ethical dilemmas in our work. When faced with ethical dilemmas, we are required to act in “accordance with high moral standards.” Unethical behaviour in Early Childhood Programmes can be very damaging; each student will examine their own dilemma in response to a particular dilemma to be determined by the Professor.

#5
Final tape, audio or video of student’s personal philosophy of Early Childhood Education. The format and information must be suitable for presentation to a Parent’s group. This tape will be addressed to parents and at a professional level they can relate to. This tape will be approx.10 minutes long. Tape due December 1, 2000.

Tapes submitted past the due date will not be graded.
Philosophy Tape

Evaluation Method for Tape

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Total 30
Suggested List of Presentation Topics

Bank Street
Behaviour modification
Dr. Blatz
Canadian Child Care
Child Care in China
Cooperative Association
John Dewy
Erikson
Frederich Froebel
Stanley Hall
Head Start (U.S model)
Highscope
Indian and Northern Affairs
Montessori
Robert Owen
Jean Piaget
Johann Pestalozzi
Reggio Emilia
Skinner
Lev Vygotsky
Woldorf Schools (Rudolf Steiner)