COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: FIELDWORK IV; view WEB-CT page

CODE NO.: ED 2100             SEMESTER: 4

PROGRAM: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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TOTAL CREDITS: 7

PREREQUISITE(S): ED 2090, 2180

COREQUISITE(S): ED 2190, 2730

HOURS/WEEK: 16 Weeks,
Approximately 190 Total Credit Hours

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I: COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This final segment of field practicum encourages the student to develop further strategies for enhancing the young child's developmental abilities based on presenting individual and group experiences. Additional leadership responsibilities provide the student with the opportunity to refine and demonstrate the competencies required of a skilled entry-to practice level of teacher of young children.
A minimum of 650 field practice hours are required for meeting graduation requirements in this program, as well as successful completion of the competencies outlined in the Progress Review Form - Semester Four. These competencies are consistent with Provincial Standard Outcomes expected of an entry-level Early Childhood Educator who graduates from an Ontario Community College.

II: LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF PERFORMANCE:

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

1. Display All of the Competencies Outlined in the Early Childhood Education A Progress Review Form - Semester IV, at Least at a Satisfactory Level.

Potential Elements of the Performance:
< utilize competencies acquired in Semester III as a foundation for achieving the objectives for Semester IV
< submit relevant planning forms according to the requirements of your placement agency
< initiate discussions with the Supervising Teacher regarding on-going progress
< complete duties and responsibilities in a responsible and professional manner
< use language appropriate to child's developmental level
2. Present Developmentally-based Anti-biased Curriculum to Children and Determine Appropriate Follow-up Activities or Variations.

Potential Elements of the Performance:
- based on careful observations, assess children's developmental needs, both individually and those of the group
- research and implement relevant curriculum ideas which are developmentally appropriate, inclusive and anti-biased
- analyze the merit and success of curriculum planning and implemented activities with children
- revise ideas based on teacher suggestions and on cues from children
- extend children's learning, both in one-to-one and in group situations, and take advantage of teachable moments
- initiate positive interactions and use positive guidance to promote compliance

3. Provide Guidance and Direction in Spontaneous and Planned Learning Activities.

Potential Elements of the Performance
- monitor and assess children's skills at peer group entry, emotional regulation, conflict resolution, and at maintaining play
- model and reinforce positive behaviour
- develop intervention strategies for improving children's social skills and peer relations
- support children's efforts at relating to peers and others
- model appropriate social skills
- provide appropriate choices for children
- present appropriate alternatives which facilitate child guidance
- intervene effectively in conflict situations

4. Perform One's Professional Role Conscientiously

Potential Elements of the Performance
- follow through on commitments to children and adults
- use body language physical actions and facial expressions consistent with emotions
- maintain confidentiality and perform consistently within ethical standards
- communicate and respond in ways which increase team effectiveness
- assume increased responsibility in the daily program
5. Examine One's Teaching Behaviours Realistically and Follow Through on Suggested Alternatives

Potential Elements of the Performance

< analyze his/her own teaching competence
< utilize feedback from performance video, Supervising Teacher(s), and College Faculty to assess one's teaching behaviours with honesty and in a realistic perspective
< establish realistic goals for improvement and effect change as warranted

III. TOPICS:
Refer to AEarly Childhood Education Progress Review - FOUR

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Texts: These resource books will be used over the course of the 4 semesters of field work.

1. Students must purchase a NAME TAG for wearing during field placement. The following must be indicated: student's full name, Sault College, Early Childhood Education Program. For further details regarding dress requirements, see the Field Work Policies.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM

Field practicum consists of two days per week in an assigned field placement setting. A block placement at the end of the term will help to consolidate the student’s competencies in the child care setting. Learning outcomes are achievable through the support and feedback of the Supervising Teacher and College Supervising Faculty. The student must demonstrate all of the competencies outlined in Progress Review Two satisfactorily in order to receive a passing grade.

- GO OVER the contents of the Field Placement Binder and SIGN the contracts with the Supervising Teacher.
- READ all of the policies and procedures outlined, in order to fulfill the contract with the placement.
- FOLLOW all of the Guidelines for professionalism and responsibilities (see Field Placement Policies).
- MAINTAIN an accurate recording of hours worked (excluding lunch time and breaks) and completed Activity Requirements.
- FOLLOW the scheduled Minimum Activity Requirements as outlined on the Time Sheet.
• NO rescheduling will be permitted except by the placement Supervising Teacher (if any of the activities conflict with the placement’s schedule).

• POST The Time Sheet at the placement for easy referral. The Supervising Teacher will place his/her initial next to the date once the activity has been completed. If the activities have not been completed as scheduled, this will be noted as well.

• FOLLOW the established procedures for evaluation of progress at mid-term and at the end of the placement. If these are procedures are not followed the student may be terminated from the placement and/or will have to repeat the placement.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES:

1. REQUEST on-going feedback from the placement staff/Supervising Teacher.

2. SUBMIT a completed form at mid-term and end of term, one week prior to the scheduled evaluation date (See Field Work Schedule).

3. DISCUSS the evaluation comments with the Supervising Teacher and sign the evaluation form in her presence. (Your signature means that you understand and agree with the evaluation). If you disagree with any part of the evaluation, your reasons are to be written down on the form with your signature next to your comments/reasons for disagreement. You must provide examples to support your disagreement.

4. RELIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY for actions are emphasized. Field practicum is considered to be a job placement. Refer to the Field Placement Policies for further details.

5. NOTIFY the placement when unable to report in at the scheduled time. If the Supervising Teacher and/or the student’s Supervising Faculty are not notified of an absence, then a penalty of one week make-up per day missed will apply.

6. MAKE-UP DAYS: Any time missed must be scheduled through the faculty field supervisor. FILL out the Make-up Days Form and have it approved according to the stated procedure. If a student leaves the placement early and needs to make up a couple of hours or so, then a full or half day must be made up.

7. FIELD WORK GRADE: The student will be assigned a grade by the ECE faculty based on the combined evaluations and observations completed by the Supervising Teacher and College Faculty. If an evaluation is not satisfactory and/or an R grade is received, the placement hours accumulated will not be counted in the student’s total, and this placement must be repeated. The student must successfully complete Semester I prior to registering for Semester II Field Work, etc.
8. If evaluation forms are incomplete or are submitted beyond the due date, then a failure grade (R) or an X-grade for the placement may apply.

GRADING:

S - Consistently Satisfactory Performance Demonstrating Integration of Theory & Practice

U - Overall Unsatisfactory Performance

X - as per College policy

R - Repeat - indicated failure to meet required competency level of that semester and field work course must be repeated.

W - Withdrawal from course after the drop deadline

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:

See the ECE Field Work Policies for details.