



**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This weekly seminar gives students the opportunity to share ideas and theoretical concerns relative to field practice. Teaching activities completed during field placement will form a basis for discussion. As a result, the student will be better prepared for planning and implementing activities for children's learning, and as well, for guiding behaviour.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

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

1. ***Consolidate Previously Learned Teaching Methods And Approaches Into A Realistic Personal Philosophy Of Teaching Young Children.***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe examples of teaching interactions and suggest appropriate alternatives
- articulate one's ideas on positive teaching techniques
- ensure confidentiality

2. ***Report Regularly On Personal Skill Development Related To The Competencies Outlined For Semester Three.***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- regularly using the Progress Review Form III, provide specific examples of one's interactions to support the self- analysis of teaching behaviours
- complete self-assessment reports thoroughly in order to assist in planning strategies for change
- use thoughtful consideration in assessing one's strengths, and suggest realistic alternatives for change
- make use of one's video record of teaching to improve teaching techniques

3. ***Refine Observation Skills And Develop Competency In The Assessment Of Peer Relations.***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- use appropriate data collection techniques
- observe and monitor children's skills in peer group entry, emotional regulation, conflict resolution and in maintaining play
- summarize observational data
- propose strategies for assisting children in improving social skills

4. ***Discuss And Propose Alternatives For Child Guidance.***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- outline the goals for positive guidance
- distinguish between punishment and discipline
- describe developmentally appropriate means of intervening in conflict situations
- formulate appropriate guidance methods based on strategies learned in class discussions and related readings

5. ***Design And Implement Developmentally Appropriate Activities For Children.***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- design curriculum to support the observed developmental needs of children
- utilize available resources for preparing age-related, inclusive activities
- prepare curriculum plans in a Professional manner
- determine the merit of prepared plans and suggest alternatives for improvement

**III. TOPICS:**

1. Articulating a philosophy
2. Formulating a plan for competency development; Developing a personal portfolio of skills
3. Assessing children's peer relations and levels of skills
4. Preparing developmentally appropriate activity plans

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

1. Second Year Seminar III Workbook (Available In Sault College Campus Shop)
2. Practical Solutions To Practically Every Problem: The Early Childhood Teacher's Manual; S. Saifer; Redleaf Press; Monarch Books, 1990
3. Developmentally Appropriate Practice : Sue Bredekamp ; NAEYC Press

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:****1. SELF ANALYSIS OF TEACHING BEHAVIOURS: 20%**

**a) by *Friday Nov 3, 2000*, each student will summarize his/her strengths and competencies as outlined on their Semester II final evaluation and those currently displayed in this field placement (Semester III). Based on this assessment, as well as from comments on the mid-term evaluation( October 17,2000), the student will formulate a plan for achieving competencies during the remainder of the placement**

**2. VIDEO-TAPE ANALYSIS and ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT- 30%**

Students will make arrangements to have themselves video-taped in their assigned field placement setting. Steps must be taken to ensure parental permission for children to be videotaped.

The Sault College camcorder has been reserved on Mondays and Tuesdays for this purpose. You must book the recorder with Media Services in the LAC. Your student card is required. Also, you must purchase your own video tape cassette (each person should have their own as this process will be repeated in the fourth semester).

**STEPS:**

- a) Complete an Activity Plan for any curriculum area; submit the form to Seminar III instructor for approval prior to presentation of the activity in your placement. This must be at least two weeks prior to your presentation date.
- b) Have yourself video-taped presenting this activity to the children; remember to make sure that the entire process of the activity is on tape (introduction-IN PARTICULAR- to conclusion).
- c) after the videotaping, review the tape and analyze your teaching thoroughly, referring to the relevant questionnaire. Your assigned *grade will be based on your own ability to assess and describe your teaching techniques*, not on the quality of the videotape itself.  
**THIS ANALYSIS MUST BE TYPED**
- d) Submit your analysis (20%), the completed and approved Activity Plan (5%), and the Video Activity Evaluation (5%) to your instructor **BY THE DUE DATE** (the week following the completion of your taping session, as scheduled with the instructor). Those who do not follow this procedure will receive a grade of zero for this project.

**NO TAPES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 29,2000**

**3. PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE: 30%****ATTENDANCE: 10%**

This weekly seminar is mandatory in order that s/he has the opportunity to discuss relevant issues/concerns about teaching young children.

**PARTICIPATION : 20%**

- a) Students will present an Interaction Report to the class over the course of the semester (forms available in the Seminar III workbook/journal). This Interaction report will then be submitted to the course professor: **one by November 10,2000, (5%)**
- b) Students are asked to share experiences from their field placements. The purpose is to examine scenarios in order to best determine the appropriate positive teaching strategies. You will also use your working copy of your Progress Review Form III to contribute examples to the class regarding your progression in skills. Students are expected to make constructive suggestions to peers. The course professor will monitor **student contributions.**
- c) **CHILD GUIDANCE:** Class discussions will take place regarding the text information from "Practical Solutions For Practically Every Problem". ***EACH STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO SUMMARIZE A SECTION FROM THE TEXT, AND PROVIDE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES TO HIGHLIGHT THE MAIN POINTS. A typed summary of your presentation must be available to hand out to your classmates the day of your presentation. = 10%***

**These in class presentations will be scheduled with the instructor.**

- d) Each student will submit their "Field Seminar Self-Evaluation Form" (from the Seminar III workbook/journal) ***at class on Dec. 8th, 2000.*** (5%)

**4. OBSERVATIONS: 20%**

- a. **Students will complete a 3M observation based on observing a child in their current field work placement. 3M due: October 6<sup>th</sup> (5%)**

- B. **Students will also complete an Assessment of Peer Relations. (15%)**

**After viewing the video in class, *observe and monitor children's skills in peer group entry, emotional regulation, conflict resolution and in maintaining play.* Forms to be used are contained in the Seminar III Workbook.**

**Part 1:Peer Group Observations and Inventory of Resources due: October 13,2000.**

**Part 2: Intervention Plan summary due: November 24,2000.**

**Further details will be provided in class.**

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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
A	80 - 89%	3.75
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
R (Repeat)	59% or below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
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 <i>Policies &amp; Procedures Manual - Deferred Grades and Make-up</i> ).	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office. This is used to facilitate transcript preparation when, for extenuating circumstances, it has been impossible for the faculty member to report grades.	

**VI. SPECIAL NOTES:****Important Notes to Students:****Class Activities:**

1. Attendance plays an important role in successful learning and skill development, so students are expected to attend.
2. Students are responsible for work assigned during absences.
3. Students should be aware that the expectations for their conduct in class are outlined in the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" in the Student Sault College Handbook.
4. The Professor will list dates, for tests and assignments on the course outline; however the professor reserves the right to give unannounced quizzes and in-class assignments.

**Assignments:**

1. All assignments must be submitted on the due date at the beginning of the class period unless otherwise specified by the professor.
2. To protect students, assignments must be delivered by the student/author to the professor.
3. Late submissions may be accepted up to one week after the due date at the discretion of the professor; however, the penalty is the loss of one letter grade (i.e. a "B" assignment will be reduced to a "C"). The late submission may receive only a letter grade with no evaluative comments.
4. **Assignments more than one week late will not be accepted.**
5. Students must adhere to dates set for oral presentations unless the professor has approved prior arrangements. Presentations that are merely read will receive a failing grade. Students who do not present on their presentation date will forfeit the mark for that assignment.
6. Students have the responsibility to be aware of assignment due dates. If they miss in-class assignments that are due at the end of the class period for evaluation, they forfeit the mark.
7. Students are responsible for retaining a file of all drafts and returned assignments. We suggest students keep their computer file of assignments until the end of the semester. In the event of a grade dispute, students must produce the graded assignment, so it can be recorded.

**Tests:**

1. Tests must be completed on the date scheduled by the professor. If unable to attend, the student must contact the professor prior to the start of the test. If this procedure is not followed, the student will receive a mark of "zero" for the test.

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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 the instructor and/or contact the Special Needs office, Room E1204, 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 post secondary institutions.

Disclaimer for meeting the needs of learners:

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.

**VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Not yet available