

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: FIELD WORK I

CODE NO. : ED 108 **SEMESTER:** 1

PROGRAM: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/ASSISTANT

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PREREQUISITE(S): NONE **CO-REQUISITES:** ED 115, ED 140

HOURS/WEEK: 2 hours/week (from August 29 to November 1)
7 hours/week (from November 7 to December 13)

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to orient students to the various facets of the Early Childhood Educator/Assistant's role. It will involve a balance of college classroom instruction and a supervised field work practicum. Students will be prepared in the professional standards and practices that are required for working in varied child care fields. Skills, knowledge, and attitudes gained will enable the student to consistently demonstrate the competencies expected of a beginning early year's educator.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

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

1. articulate professional ethics and display professionalismPotential Elements of the Performance:

- behave and perform in compliance with the Early Childhood Education Program Guidelines as well as the AECEO Code of Ethics
- display dependability and reliability
- maintain confidentiality at all times
- show sensitivity and respond appropriately to both verbal and non-verbal communication with others

2. apply relevant policies and procedures to early childhood programsPotential Elements of the Performance:

- identify the regulatory bodies responsible for child care
- describe the tasks and responsibilities of early childhood educators
- demonstrate practices used to maintain the health and safety of young children
- identify the impact of personal health practices on the early childhood educator

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3. develop and implement age-appropriate lesson plans and teaching techniques

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- choose developmentally appropriate and quality literature for children
- prepare lesson plan forms for implementation in a child care setting
- present a storybook to children during field work practicum
- critique own storytelling skills
- develop a repertoire of techniques that teachers can use with children

III. TOPICS:

1. Professionalism, Ethics and Confidentiality
2. Expectations of Placements and Employers and Preparing for Fieldwork
3. Universal Precautions and Maintaining Personal Health
4. Making a Great First Impression & Practical Skills needed for ECE/A
5. Storytelling Techniques
6. Research Strategies and Writing Effective Lesson Plans

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

A Practical Guide to Early Childhood Curriculum, Eliason and Jenkins, Prentice-Hall Publishing, 1999

I'm a Little Teapot - Presenting Preschool Storytime, Jane Cobb, Black Sheep Press

ECE Field Practicum Activity Planning Guide, (June/99 ed), Browning, Connolly-Beattie, & Welz

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V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:
Lesson Plans - worth 40%

Students will prepare 2 storytelling, 2 art, 1 circle and 1 learning activity lesson plans for evaluation

Storybook Presentation - worth 15%

Each student will choose a storybook and present this story to the children at his/her fieldwork placement. The placement supervising teacher must approve the choice of storybook one week prior to the date for presentation. The placement supervising teacher will evaluate the storybook presentation. The completed evaluation from the placement supervising teacher must be submitted to the college by **December 7th**.

Quiz - worth 15%

Students will be tested on information related to student and fieldwork policies and procedures that have been covered in this course. **Date for Quiz is October 31/November 1**

Field Work Practicum - worth 30%

Students will attend 6 days of fieldwork placement. Each placement day is worth 5%. Any days of placement that are missed must be made up prior to the end of the semester. Students must receive a satisfactory evaluation from each of their placements.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary 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.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
X	A temporary grade. This is used in limited situations with extenuating	

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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 Sault College Handbook.

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 ***will be deducted 5% per day.***
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. 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 semester. In the event of a grade dispute, students must produce the graded assignment, so it can be recorded.

Tests/Quizzes:

1. Tests/Quizzes must be completed on the date scheduled. If unable to attend, contact the professor prior to the start of the test. An alternative date must be arranged before the next class.

VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the professor. Credit for prior learning will be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

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.