

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course involves the study of health, safety and nutrition in relation to the needs of young children. Occupational Health related to the work of the ECE will be explored. Also to be studied are the professional roles related to child abuse and domestic violence issues with a focus on reporting procedures and working with families.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

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

1. Establish safe and healthy practices in the areas of health, safety and nutrition when caring for young children.Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe safe and healthy environments which meet requirements of current legislation, regulatory bodies and program policies
- Demonstrate awareness of health and safety policies in community placements
- Identify the impact of personal health practice in the area of occupational health on the role of the early childhood educator
- Demonstrate the ability to establish health and safety policies for staff

2. Describe effective techniques to manage and prevent both chronic and acute ill-health conditions among young childrenPotential Elements of the Performance:

- Convey accurate information about chronic and acute illnesses in childhood
- Demonstrate the ability to provide a learning environment conducive to the health needs of children

3. Identify the critical elements for ensuring child safety in environments for young childrenPotential Elements of the Performance:

- Explore child safety in the early years environment
- Identify the adult role in ensuring a safe child environment
- Explore working with parents to ensure maximum child health and safety

4. **Outline the nutritional guidelines for young children and be able to plan and evaluate nutritional meals for children in child care settings**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Meet the nutritional requirements of the children identified through planning and consultation with parents and relevant professionals
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the recommended nutritional needs as set out by the Day Nurseries Act and Canada's Food Guide
- Communicate an awareness of nutritional needs for infants through to age twelve
- Demonstrate the ability to plan snacks and meals for children in licensed child care
- Demonstrate the ability to plan and evaluate meals that includes menu, recipes, quantities of food required and approximate costs

5. **Outline one's professional role in the early identification, prevention/intervention and referral of families in which abuse is suspected or deemed to be a high risk**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Investigate the legislation pertaining to various types of abuse
- Outline procedures for reporting suspicions of abuse
- Describe the policies and protocol established for dealing with reports of abuse
- Examine how to handle allegations of abuse
- Formulate methods for dealing with disclosures of abuse
- Identify the community agencies available to assist the early childhood educator in their role when dealing with violence issues

6. **Describe the impact on child victims and/or witnesses of violence and evaluate a variety of prevention and intervention methods to reduce the incidence and effects of all forms of abuse**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Measure the effects of various forms of abuse on child victims
- Assess the impact of witnessing abuse
- Assess how prevention and intervention programs can be used effectively
- Propose various methods of support and intervention for abused victims and their abusers

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. Health Promotion
2. Occupational Health
3. Illness Prevention and Management
4. Nutrition and Menu Planning
5. Safety Promotion
6. Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Issues

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Pimento, B., Kernested, D. (2004) **Healthy Foundations in Early Childhood Settings**, Third Edition. Toronto: Thomson-Nelson Publication

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**In-Class Activities and Assignments – 30%**

Students are expected to attend and participate in class activities. This will involve in-class activities and assignments to be submitted or reported on in class. This will involve using the textbook, guest presentations/workshops, group work in your All-In-One teams and handouts provided by the professor. Students not in attendance or not fully participating will not receive credit. Any assignments due for class must be presented at the start of the class.

Care for Kids Training/Abuse Prevention Programs – 10%

Students will attend “Care for Kids” mandatory training by Algoma Public Health on **Thursday, Sept. 27th from 9 to 4**. The room for this event will be announced in class and posted on LMS. Students will also examine other prevention programs. Fully participating students will be given full credit for this training and receive a certificate indicating that they are trained in the delivery of the Care for Kids program. The information from this training will also be evaluated within one of the tests for this course. No other date will be provided to access this training.

Menu Planning – 20%

Using DNA requirements and Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating, each student will analyze menus, as well as plan a menu that provides for a child’s daily nutritional needs. Taking into account the principles discussed in class, menus will be analyzed and planned that are appropriate for preschool children in a licensed early childhood setting. Recipes, procedures and costs for all food items are required. Complete criteria for this assignment will be reviewed in class. **Due date will be announced in class and posted on LMS.**

Tests – 40%

Two tests will be scheduled worth 20% each. Dates will be announced in class and posted on LMS.

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%	
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

Note: For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

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 professor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 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.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. 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.

Specific Class InformationAssignments:

Assignments must be submitted on the due date, at the beginning of class, unless otherwise specified by the instructor. If major assignments are late, both the following steps must be taken in order for the assignment to be evaluated;

1. Major assignments that are late are to be handed in to Room E3207 (slip under the door).
2. The instructor will be notified, through LMS that the assignment has been handed in. An attachment (in Microsoft Word format) of the completed assignment must be included. A reply will be sent back to you indicating that the material has been received.

Late, major assignments **will be deducted 5% per day** (20% maximum deduction). Major assignments **more than one week late will not be accepted**.

All assignments are to be typed unless otherwise stated.

In-class or weekly assignments are due on the assigned date. These assignments will not be accepted after that date, as they are a part of class work and discussions.

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

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.

Tests/Quizzes:

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

Learning Environment:

In the interest of providing an optimal learning environment, students are to follow these expectations;

Students should be aware that the expectations for their conduct in class are outlined in the Sault College Student Code of Conduct document.

Late students are expected to quietly enter the classroom and sit in the nearest seat available. Have your notes and writing material ready before you enter class. If assignments and activities have begun, please wait until they are completed. Wait until after class to speak to classmates about missed material. Make sure you have made arrangements with someone in the class to pick up handouts and take notes for you.

Students are to keep private conversations out of the classroom.

Missed Classes

If a student misses a class, it is their responsibility to ask a classmate to take notes and pick up assignments and handouts.

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 Chair's secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.