

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course helps students to see the beginnings of poetry, music and dance, as children respond to the world around them. As a teacher-directed activity with a group of children, students learn how to nurture chant, song, and dance as they happen spontaneously throughout the day.

This course is designed to help teachers develop a creative approach to music and dance, and to learn skills which will help them encourage each child to discover new ways of expressing her/himself through music, dance, and language.

This course will take an interactive approach to learning all aspects of creative expression as it is reflected in art, creative movement, and creative dramatics.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF PERFORMANCE:

(Generic Skills Learning Outcomes placement on the course outline will be determined and communicated at a later date)

A. Learning Outcomes:

- 1) Identify methods of prompting children to express themselves in creative ways.
- 2) Establish a repertoire of creative resource materials, which represents a variety of media and techniques.
- 3) Structure activities, which promote children's expressive abilities in music, movement, creative dramatics, and art.
- 4) Gain practice and confidence in techniques of presenting developmentally appropriate and anti-bias expressive materials for children

B. Learning Outcomes with Elements of the performance:

- 1) Identify methods of prompting children to express themselves in creative ways.

Elements of the performance:

- Define what is creativity
- Identify methods for prompting creativity in children

- 2) Establish a repertoire of creative resource materials, which represents a variety of media and techniques.

Elements of the performance:

- Create a music, movement, and creative dramatics resource kit.

- 3) Structure activities, which promote children's expressive abilities in music, movement, and creative dramatics.

Elements of the performance:

- Plan a circle form for music
- Plan a circle form for creative movement
- Plan a circle form for creative dramatics

- 4) Gain practice and confidence in techniques of presenting developmentally appropriate and anti-bias expressive materials for children.

Elements of Performance

- Become aware of the bias present in literature, songs and other media in today's society
- Choose appropriate (anti-bias, multicultural and age appropriate) materials for three different age settings (infant, toddler, pre-school ages)
- Familiarize and utilize expressive materials (such as puppets, musical instruments, pre-recorded music, and dramatic play kits)
- Plan and execute a group time experience, during field placement that would involve singing, finger playing, drama or movement.

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 order below.

- 1.) Introduction to Creative Expression
- 2.) Creativity, Play and Art.
- 3.) Planning Presenting Creative Activities
- 4.) Music
- 5.) Creative Movement
- 6.) Puppetry and Storytelling
- 7.) Creative Dramatics
- 8.) Designing Creative Activities and Guiding Creative Growth

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Text: Creative Expression and Play in Early Childhood Curriculum,
Isenberg and Jalongo

Text: Creative Movement for the Developing Child Third Edition.
Clare Cherry

The students will be evaluated through both theoretical and practical applications in the college classroom, assigned readings, student projects, planning and implementing activities in field placement.

Attendance and participation are essential elements in this process. 15%

Attendance will be taken and the Professor determines participation mark. Criteria for participation include: being involved in the presentations, workshops (and not 'sitting on the sidelines').

Students will be required to attend two evening art workshops held at the Sault College Child Development Centre Lab School located in F wing. 10%
Attendance and Participation is mandatory and calculated in the Attendance/Participation mark.

In Addition: Students will be required to submit a **completed questionnaire** pertaining to the topics covered in the workshop at the end of the second evening.

Research File: 15%

Students will add to their research file started in the previous semester. Research file content will cover Music, Movement, Creative Drama, and Large Group Experience.

Details will be discussed in class.

Student constructed Music, Movement, And Dramatic Resource Kit 15%

Students will be evaluated on their ability to develop and construct, using the criteria provided, a practical resource kit that will include props and activity plans for music, movement, and dramatic experiences for children.

Criteria will be discussed in class.

Presentation Interviews will be scheduled in class.

Circle Plans **15%**

Students will write up and submit three circles (music, drama, and movement) using the circle planning form along with **research** on the subject matter. Due dates for each will be assigned in class

Presentation Circle **5%**

Students will present one of their circles for evaluation during their field placement this semester. Approved circle planning form and evaluation form from the placement teacher must be returned to the instructor for a grade. Submission date will be given in class

Tests (x2)	Mid Term	10%
	Final	15%

Note: Students who miss a test must notify the professor in advance of the scheduled test and request a rewrite. (24 hour voice mail – x701) Allowing the rewrite is at the professor’s discretion if the student had provided a reasonable excuse for the absence. Requests for rewrites will be denied if made one week or more after the test date.

Students are responsible for submitting their assignments on the dates assigned. Students are responsible for keeping copies of their assignments.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

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%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	2.00
C	60 - 69%	1.00
D	50 – 59%	0.00
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 493 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.

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:

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.