Syllabus
ECED1060
Observation, Assessment and Guidance
2018

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I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: ECED 1060
Course Title: Observation, Assessment and Guidance
Prerequisite: None

Catalog Description: This course introduces a variety of observation, assessment and guidance strategies used in early childhood education settings birth through age eight.

Credit Hours: 3.0 Semester Hours/4.5 Quarter Hours

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES/COMPETENCIES

The course will:

1. Identify the types of observation and assessment based upon Nebraska State Early Learning Guidelines and National Association for the Education of Young Children standards.

2. Identify principles relevant to guidance, observation and assessment.

3. Delineate the goals, objectives and techniques of positive guidance.

4. Examine biological, environmental, cultural and other factors that impact children’s behavior.

5. Identify strategies for building partnerships with families and agencies for referrals and collaboration.

6. Develop an awareness and appreciation of the individual likenesses and differences among children, families, and colleagues.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to utilize a variety of methods of observation and assessment of children.

2. Explain the difference between screening and assessment.

3. Demonstrate observation and assessment utilizing culturally relevant and ethical principles.

4. Recognize positive age-appropriate guidance techniques for children.
a. Describe biological, environmental, and cultural factors impacting children’s behavior.

b. Recognize and understand the possible motives for behavior in young children.

5. Illustrate positive communication with families and agencies regarding areas of strengths or concerns with children.

6. Explain the importance of positive relationships between parents, colleagues, and children.

IV. COURSE CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE

1. Role of Observation and Assessment within the ECED Classroom
2. Methods of Observation and Assessment
3. Connections between Observation, Assessment and Guidance
4. Guidance Techniques
5. Partnerships with Parents

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Suggested Text: [This list of texts should be reviewed annually. The instructor may choose additional materials as supplements.]


Dichtelmiller, Margo L., and Dombro, Amy Laura, and Jablon, Judy R. The Power of Observation: Birth to Age 8. Gryphon House, Inc., Lewisville, NC

Supplemental Texts:


Nebraska Core Competencies


VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

Instructor should make use of varied pedagogical techniques including several of the following: lectures, small and large discussion groups; collaborative projects, guest speakers, research, peer response and evaluation, journals, essays, conferences, computer-assisted instruction, interactive/creative methods, multimedia, and field trips.

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

Course grades, at the determination of the instructor, will be based on class and group participation, daily work, exams, other presentations, projects, papers, and/or portfolio. Instructor will distribute evaluation and his/her grading policies to students at the beginning of each term.

VIII. INSTITUTIONAL DEFINED SECTION

*To be used at the discretion of each community college as deemed necessary.*
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