

Northern Marianas College

CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST

Course: ED081 Basic Intro to Early Childhood Education Curriculum

Effective Semester / Session: Fall 2023

Type of Action:

- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

Course Alpha and Number: ED081

Course Title: Basic Introduction to Early Childhood Education Curriculum

Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:

This course guide is being created to meet the requirements for the Certification of Completion in Early Childhood Education.

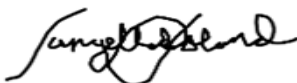
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1. Department

School of Education

2. Purpose

This course aims to introduce prospective teachers in the Early Childhood Education field with information regarding curricula that support early learning. It offers strategies to ensure quality and effective teaching and learning.

3. Description

A. Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials

Required:

Swim, T. *Infants and Toddlers: Caregiving and Responsive Curriculum Development*, Latest Edition. Cengage Learning Inc.

Recommended: None

B. Contact Hours

1. **Lecture:** 45 per semester
2. **Lab:** None
3. **Other:** None

C. Credits

1. **Number:** 3
2. **Type:** Non-Degree Units

D. Catalog Course Description

This course studies the advantages of executing a well-designed curriculum in an early childhood program. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to determine the basic steps involving selecting, planning, and evaluating an effective early childhood curriculum. Students will differentiate among the physical, social, emotional, language, and cognitive developmental domains and will be introduced to strategies and components of a developmentally appropriate learning environment for early childhood. This course is a requirement of the Certificate of Completion in Basic Introduction to Early Childhood Education Curriculum.

E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course

This is a required course for the Certification of Completion in Early Childhood Education.

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F. Course Activities and Design

This course is designed to incorporate lectures, readings, forums, in-class activities, demonstrations, topic discussions, student participation, assigned projects, collaboration and engagement.

4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment

Prerequisites: None

Concurrent Course Enrollment: None

Required English/Mathematics Proficiency Level(s)

English Placement Level: EN085

Mathematics Placement Level: None

5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed

Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 3-credit hour non-degree course, cost of the textbook, and any applicable fees.

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary and/or any additional costs to NMC.

Instructional resources needed for this course include: internet, projector, whiteboard and markers.

6. Method of Evaluation

Students will be evaluated on the basis of forums, in-class activities, demonstrations, topic discussions, student participation, assigned projects, collaboration and engagement. NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

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7. Course Outline

This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

- 1.0 Child Development Principles & Theories
- 2.0 Preschool Learning Environments That are Safe & Healthy
- 3.0 Developmentally Appropriate Practices
- 4.0 Physical, Cognitive, Language, Social, & Emotional Skills
- 5.0 Developmentally Appropriate Learning Materials
- 6.0 Classroom Management Techniques & Strategies
- 7.0 Selecting, Planning, & Evaluating an Effective ECE Curriculum

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8. Instructional Goals

The course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 Types of curricula used in early childhood education;
- 2.0 Learning environments for children in early childhood education;
- 3.0 Developmentally appropriate learning materials and their purposes;
- 4.0 How children develop and learn;
- 5.0 Developmentally appropriate practices for young children;
- 6.0 Overview of the interrelationship between the developmental domains of young children; and
- 7.0 Playing and learning.

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9. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1.0 Identify curricula used in early childhood education;
- 2.0 Describe how to create an appropriate learning environment for children with consideration of health and safety practices;
- 3.0 Distinguish appropriate learning materials for young children;
- 4.0 Compare and contrast the four developmental domains of early childhood;
- 5.0 Describe how children develop and learn through play; and
- 6.0 Determine strategies to guide and nurture young children by learning through play.

10. Assessment Measures of Student Learning Outcomes

Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1.0 Forums;
- 2.0 Quizzes;
- 3.0 Assignments; and
- 4.0 Projects.






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