

Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood

(CDEC 1313)

CREDIT

3 Semester Credit Hours

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face

PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:

CDEC 2387 Internship

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the fundamentals of developmentally appropriate curriculum design and implementation in early care and education programs for children birth through age eight.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to

- Define developmentally appropriate practices.
- Describe the process of child-centered curriculum development.
- Develop guidelines for creating learning environments.
- Apply an understanding of teacher roles in the early childhood classrooms.
- Prepare developmentally appropriate schedule including routines and transitions.
- Select, plan, implement and evaluate developmentally appropriate learning experiences for children.

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

A variety of teacher gathered materials for utilization in the classroom

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Approved: TGC/1-9-2024



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Attendance and participation is necessary. Three absences are allowed. If a student is tardy to class or departs early (3) times, it will be equal to one (1) absence. Each absence beyond three absences will result in a 5-point deduction from your final attendance grade.

DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an “F” in the course.

COURSE CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS (Due on this Date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
1/18	Introductions		
1/22-24	Starting the Process	Chapter 1	Produce a class schedule 1/29
1/29-1/31	Creating Curriculum	Chapter 2	Curriculum Web 1/31
2/12-2/14	Celebrating Holidays		Valentine’s Snack 2/14
2/19-2/21	Language and Literacy	Chapter 3	Present a Phonological Awareness Activity 2/21
2/26-2/28	Literature	Chapter 4	Book Share 2/28
3/4-3/6	Math	Chapter 5	Develop an Early Math Activity in Class 3/6
3/11-3/15	Spring Break		
3/18-3/20	Science	Chapter 6	Brainstorm Science Topics 3/20
3/25-3/27	Social Studies	Chapter 7	Present a Social Studies Activity 3/27
4/1-4/3	Art	Chapter 8	Process vs Product 4/3
4/8-4/10	Sensory Centers	Chapter 9	Present a Sensory Activity 4/10
4/15-4/17	Dramatic Play	Chapter 12	Create a Dramatic Play Prop Box 4/17
4/22-4/24	Music and Movement	Chapter 10	Brainstorm use through the curriculum 4/24
4/29	Puppets	Chapter 11	
5/1	Final Evaluations		Present a Lesson Plan

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

- Attendance and Participation – In Class Discussions 20%
- Course Assignments (8 @ 50 pts) 40%
- Course Projects (4 @ 100 pts) 40%

GRADE SCALE

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- 0-59 F

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

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ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

1. No food, drinks or use of tobacco or smoke-less products in class
2. The use of a telephone should be used out of class
3. No visitors allowed in class
4. Late assignments must be discussed with the instructor
5. Additional rules apply when traveling to Affiliate Sites.