



Course Syllabus

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| ECED 5462 | Early Primary Practicum | Fall 2009 |
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- 1. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Concurrent registration with ECED 5460 Curriculum Design is required. The focus of this 1-credit-hour practicum is observation and participation in classrooms servicing children in early primary grades and supports an understanding of developmentally appropriate curriculum. Prerequisites: ECED 5430 Perceptual Motor Development and Language Acquisition in Young Children, ECED 5431 Infant Toddler Practicum.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

| Course Outcomes | Webster University SOE Goals and Dispositions | NAEYC Standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation Missouri Standards for Teacher Education Programs (MoSTEP) NCATE Candidate Proficiencies |
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| Students will: 1. Develop the skills of listening to children, observing and documenting their ideas, actions, words, and work. | Goals 2.4 The informed instructor employs a variety of formal and informal assessments to monitor learning and modify instruction. Dispositions 2.4 listens respectfully to other points of view | NAEYC Standard 3. Observing, documenting and assessing to support young children and families 3b Knowing about and using observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches MoSTEP 8.3 Evaluates the effect of class activities on both individual and class as a whole, collecting information through observation of classroom activities, questioning, and analysis of student work NCATE Ability to Respond to Diversity Pedagogical Knowledge |

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| <p>2. Draw upon knowledge of developmental theory, multicultural perspectives, and ongoing study of particular children when preparing the learning environment and learning experiences.</p> | <p>Goals 1.3 The knowledgeable learner identifies developmental factors in student learning; and 1.4 understands theoretical principles of effective instruction to plan learning experiences. 4.2 The responsive educator acknowledges social and cultural contexts to create effective teaching and learning environments.</p> <p>Dispositions 2.1 understands, respects and responds appropriately to diversity in a variety of settings</p> | <p>NAEYC Standard 1. Promoting child development and learning 1a. Knowing and understanding young children’s characteristics and needs 1b. Knowing and understanding multiple influences on development and learning 1c. Using developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, and challenging learning environments</p> <p>MoSTEP 2.1 Knows and identifies child development 3.4 Connects instruction to student’s prior experiences, family, culture and community</p> <p>NCATE Ability to Respond to Diversity Pedagogical Knowledge Professional Knowledge and Skills</p> |
| <p>3. Learn how to support children’s learning in regard to the content areas of language arts, science, social studies, art, music, drama and movement through integrated learning experiences, project studies, and daily living experiences.</p> | <p>Goals 1.1 The knowledgeable learner knows content that supports conceptual understanding; and 1.2 applies tools of inquiry to construct meaningful learning experiences. 2.1 The informed instructor designs curriculum based on students’ prior knowledge, learning styles, strengths and needs; and 2.2 uses a variety of communication modes, media, and technology to support student learning.</p> <p>Dispositions 1.2 embraces an openness to change (adaptability, flexibility)</p> | <p>NAEYC Standard 4. Teaching and Learning 4b. Using developmentally effective approaches 4c. Understanding content knowledge in early education 4d. Building meaningful curriculum</p> <p>MoSTEP 1.5 Creates interdisciplinary learning 2.4 Knows theories of learning 4.1 Selects, creates and plans learning experiences that are appropriate for curriculum goals, relevant to learners, and based upon principles of effective instruction. 7.3 Supports and expands learner expression in speaking, writing, listening and other media</p> <p>NCATE Content Knowledge Pedagogical Knowledge Professional Knowledge and Skills</p> |

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| <p>4. Learn how to support autonomy and reciprocity among children.</p> | <p>4.3 The responsive educator adapts instruction to the learner’s knowledge, ability, and background experience; and</p> <p>4.4 identifies resources for specialized services when needed.</p> <p>Dispositions 2.2 exhibits empathy 3.5 affects change with courage and confidence</p> | <p>NAEYC Standard 4. Teaching and Learning 4a. Knowing understanding and using positive relationships and supportive interactions</p> <p>MoSTEP 2.3 Encourages student responsibility 6.2 Manages time, space, transitions and activities effectively 9.1 Applies a variety of problem-solving strategies reflecting on practice, influences on student’s growth and learning and the complex interactions between them 10.2 Talks with and listens to students, is sensitive and responsive to signs of distress, and seeks appropriate help as needed to solve students’ problems</p> <p>NCATE Ability to Respond to Diversity Pedagogical Knowledge Professional Knowledge and Skills Impact on PreK-3 Learners Evidence of Dispositions</p> |
| <p>5. Act as mentors and co-learners who provoke curiosity, creative thinking, consideration of multiple perspectives and research among children and adults.</p> | <p>4.1 the responsive educator understands and responds appropriately to issues of diversity;</p> <p>4.2 acknowledges social and cultural contexts to create effective tea</p> <p>Dispositions 1.3 exhibits curiosity 3.3 communicates and collaborates in university and school cultures 3.4 accepts academic rigor (willingness to work/high expectations)</p> | <p>NAEYC Standard 1. Promoting Child Development and Learning 1a, 1b, 1c (see above) Standard 5. Becoming a Professional 5d. Integrating knowledgeable, reflective and critical perspectives on early education</p> <p>MoSTEP 5.2 Engages students in active learning that promotes the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and performance capabilities</p> <p>NCATE Ability to Respond to Diversity</p> |

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| <p>6. Develop skills of observation, documentation and research in order to continuously inform curriculum decisions and teaching responses.</p> | <p>3.1 The reflective collaborator values and integrates reflection to grow as a professional; Dispositions 1.4 engages in reflection 3.2 practices informed decision-making in university and school cultures</p> | <p>NAEYC Standard 5. Becoming a Professional 5c. Engaging in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice MoSTEP 8.1 Employs a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques (e.g., observations, authentic assessments) 11.2 Applies current research on teaching and learning with technology to plan and deliver developmentally appropriate learning opportunities that integrate a variety of software, applications and learning tools to support the diverse needs of learners 11.4 Uses technology resources in assessing student learning of subject matter using a variety of assessment techniques to collect and analyze data, to interpret results, and to communicate findings to improve instructional practice and maximize student learning</p> <p>NCATE Ability of Utilize Technology Pedagogical Knowledge Professional Knowledge and Skills Impact on PreK-3 Learners</p> |
| <p>7. Learn how to collaborate with parents as partners in the development, analysis, and implementation of curriculum.</p> | <p>3.2 The reflective collaborator promotes communication and collaboration with colleagues, families and community leaders; 3.3 seeks relationships with families and students to support student learning; and 3.4 initiates change that benefits students and their families.</p> | <p>NAEYC Standard 2. Building Family and Community Relationships 2c. Involving families and communities in their children's development and learning NCATE Ability to Respond to Diversity Pedagogical Knowledge Professional Knowledge and Skills Evidence of Dispositions</p> |

2. COURSE REQUIRMENTS (PRACTICUM HANDBOOK)

1. Students are expected to track their time spent in class and keep a practicum log documenting their 45 contact hours (p. 13).
2. Students are to conduct two lessons with the children (small or whole group format) following the lesson plan format (p.14). They are to submit their first draft to cooperating teacher for feedback, make any adjustments recommended and facilitate the lesson during university supervisor visit. After feedback, the student will submit a final lesson plan with reflection.
3. Students will work on a unit plan (p.15). Throughout this process, cooperating teachers are encouraged to provide feedback. Students will complete a unit plan curriculum paper for credit in the early childhood curriculum class.
4. Students will examine their knowledge and skills and develop a professional development plan (p. 18).
5. Students will submit two reflective journal entries describing, analyzing and reflecting upon significant activities in the classroom (p. 20).
6. Students will submit a written summary synthesizing their practicum experiences using the MoSTEP Standards as a framework (p. 21).
7. Cooperating teachers are asked to observe the student facilitating two learning experiences in the classroom using the form (p. 25).
8. Cooperating teachers complete the practicum evaluation form (p. 27) using the rubric provided (pp. 28-36). At a final university supervisor visit, student, cooperating teacher and university supervisor dialogue and complete practicum evaluation.

3. TEXT

Billman, Jean & Sherman, Janice (2003). Observation and Participation in Early Childhood Settings: A Practicum Guide (2nd Edition). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

| Assessments | Links to Course Outcomes | Percentage of Grade |
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| Lesson Plans | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | 40% |
| Reflective Journal Entries | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | 20% |
| Reflective Summary | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | 20% |
| Professional Development Plan | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | 20% |