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**Course Number**  
ECED 2903

**Course Title**  
Future Perspectives in Early Childhood Education

**Course Description**

This course introduces students to current research in the field of Early Childhood Education. Students will develop a knowledge base of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct through analyzing case studies designed to demonstrate competencies compatible with current research and practice, development of a professional portfolio to demonstrate competencies in the skills relating to the NAEYC Associate Degree Standards. Students will also demonstrate teaching skills and competency. A minimum of 6 observation/teaching hours are required for this course. This course is part of the Birth through Pre-kindergarten Teaching Credential core.

**College Mission**

South Arkansas Community College promotes excellence in learning, teaching, and service; provides lifelong educational opportunities; and serves as a cultural, intellectual, and economic resource for the community.

**College Wide Student Learner Outcomes**

X Critical Thinking                      X Responsibility                      X Communication

**ACTS Course**                       **Program Course** X EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - AAS

**ACTS Outcomes**

**Program Outcomes**

1. Demonstrate an understanding of typical and atypical infant, toddler, pre-school, and school age development and the influences that ecological systems have on development.
2. Differentiate between and among the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional domains.
3. Develop solutions to meet individual child and program needs based on observation and assessment of children and programs.
4. Demonstrate the ability to create, plan, and implement age-appropriate curriculum, lesson plans, and activities.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the foundational underpinnings, ethical and professional standards that are applicable to Early Childhood Education as well as basic learning and teaching best practices. (Developmentally Appropriate Practice)
6. Engage in written and verbal communication with families, colleagues, and administration using standard English.

**Course Outcomes**

CLO #	Course Outcomes	Unit Outcomes/ Competencies	ACTS				Assessment
			Program Outcomes	Critical Thinking	Communication	Responsibility	
CLO 1	Develop a professional portfolio following the NAEYC Standards for Associate Degree Programs	NAEYC 6a, 6b, 6c	LO 1, 2, 3, 4		C1 C2	R1 R2 R3 R4	Professional Portfolio Project
CLO 2	Apply the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct to their professional Characteristics including current professional organization membership	NAEYC 6b, 6e	LO 1, 2, 3, 4	CT1	C1	R1 R2 R3 R4	Professional Portfolio Project Discussion Questions Other projects as assigned

CLO 3	Demonstrate developmentally appropriate experiences for children using current research to support strategies in the classroom while working with children birth through pre-kindergarten, including children with special needs.	NAEYC 1a, 1b, 1c, 2b, 2c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c	LO 1, 2, 3, 4	CT1	C1 C2 C3	R1 R2 R3	Teaching Experiences Other projects as assigned
CLO 4	Describe and analyze various perspectives involved in childcare situations	NAEYC 1a, 2a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c	LO 1, 2, 3, 4	CT1	C1		Case Studies Text Reflections Discussion Questions Tests/quizzes Other projects as assigned

### Unit Outcomes/ Competencies

The competencies for this course are aligned with the National Association for the Education of Young Children Standards.

#### NAEYC STANDARDS

##### Standard 1. Promoting Child Development and Learning

1a: Knowing and understanding young children's characteristics and needs

1b: Knowing and understanding the multiple influences on development and learning

1c: Using developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environments

##### Standard 2. Building Family and Community Relationships

2a: Knowing about and understanding diverse family and community characteristics

2b: Supporting and engaging families and communities through respectful, reciprocal relationships

2c: Involving families and communities in their children's development and learning

##### Standard 3. Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families

3a: Understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment

3b: Knowing about and using observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches

3c: Understanding and practicing responsible assessment to promote positive outcomes for each child

3d: Knowing about assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues

##### Standard 4. Using Developmentally Effective Approaches to Connect with Children and Families

4a: Understanding positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with children

4b: Knowing and understanding effective strategies and tools for early education

4c: Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching/learning approaches

4d: Reflecting on their own practice to promote positive outcomes for each child

##### Standard 5. Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum

5a: Understanding content knowledge and resources in academic disciplines

5b: Knowing and using the central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines

5c: Using their own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curricula for each child.

##### Standard 6. Becoming a Professional

6a: Identifying and involving oneself with the early childhood field

6b: Knowing about and upholding ethical standards and other professional guidelines

6c: Engaging in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice

6d: Integrating knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on early education

6e: Engaging in informed advocacy for children and the profession

Links to additional competencies

Code of Ethical Conduct: [http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/ethical\\_conduct](http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/ethical_conduct)

### NAEYC Standards for Associate Degree Programs

## STANDARD 1. PROMOTING CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs are grounded in a child development knowledge base. They use their understanding of a) young children's characteristics and needs, and b) multiple interacting influences on children's development and learning, to c) create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging for each child.

## STANDARD 2. BUILDING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs understand that successful early childhood education depends upon partnerships with children's families and communities. They a) know about, understand, and value the importance and complex characteristics of children's families and communities. They use this understanding to b) create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families, and c) to involve all families in their children's development and learning.

## STANDARD 3. OBSERVING, DOCUMENTING, AND ASSESSING TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs understand that child observation, documentation, and other forms of assessment are central to the practice of all early childhood professionals. They a) know about and understand the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment. They b) know about and use systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies c) in a responsible way, d) in partnership with families and other professionals, to positively influence the development of every child.

## STANDARD 4. USING DEVELOPMENTALLY EFFECTIVE APPROACHES

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs understand that teaching and learning with young children is a complex enterprise, and its details vary depending on children's ages, characteristics, and the settings within which teaching and learning occur. They a) understand and use positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation for their work with young children and families. Candidates b, c) know, understand, and use a wide array of developmentally appropriate approaches, instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and d) positively influence each child's development and learning.

## STANDARD 5. USING CONTENT KNOWLEDGE TO BUILD MEANINGFUL CURRICULUM

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs a) use their knowledge of academic disciplines to design, implement, and evaluate experiences that promote positive development and learning for each and every young child. Candidates understand the importance of developmental domains and academic (or content) disciplines in early childhood curriculum. They b) know the essential concepts, inquiry tools, and structure of content areas, including academic subjects, and can identify resources to deepen their understanding. Candidates c) use their own knowledge and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curriculum that promotes comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for every young child.

## STANDARD 6. BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL

Candidates prepared in early childhood degree programs a) identify and conduct themselves as members of the early childhood profession. They b) know and use ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice. They c) are continuous, collaborative learners who demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective and critical perspectives on their work, making informed decisions that d) integrate knowledge from a variety of sources. They are e) informed advocates for sound educational practices and policies.

## STANDARD 7. EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD EXPERIENCES

Candidates have field experiences and clinical practice in a) at least two of the three early childhood age groups (birth – age 3, 3 through 5, 5 through 8 years) and in b) the variety of settings that offer early education (early school grades, child care centers and homes, Head Start programs).

### Arkansas Early Childhood Cohort Course Competencies

- Demonstrate developmentally appropriate experiences for children birth through Pre-kindergarten including children with special needs. (NAEYC 1a, 1b, 1c, 2b, 2c, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d)
- Develop a professional portfolio following NAEYC Standards for Associate Degree Programs (NAYEC 6a, 6c, 6d)
- Apply the *NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct* to their professional characteristics (NAEYC 6a, 6b, 6d, 6e)
- Use current research to support developmentally appropriate strategies in the classroom while working with children birth through Pre-kindergarten, including children with special needs. (NAEYC 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6d)

- Describe the various perspectives involved in childcare situations (NAEYC 1a, 2a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b,6c, 6d)
- Provide evidence of membership in professional organizations related to the early childhood field. (NAEYC 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e)

**Assessment Description(s)**

Assessments for this course are comprised of a variety of individual and small group activities that include written and oral reports and presentations, tests, quizzes, observations, individual portfolio, etc. These assessments provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate competency in critical thinking, written and oral communication, and responsibility for both individual and group assignments.

**Materials and Technological Requirements**

Epstein, Ann S. (2007). *The Intentional Teacher*. NAEYC  
 ISBN 13: 9781928896418

Wiltz, Nancy W., Daniels, Janese S., Skelley, Heather A., Cawley, Hannah S. & Watson-Thompson, Ocie (2013). *Developing and Presenting a Professional Portfolio in Early Childhood Education*, 3rd Edition. Pearson.  
 ISBN 13: 9780132930383

Criminal Background Check  
 Child Maltreatment Clearance  
 Free from Tuberculosis  
 Student Observer Badge

Computer with reliable internet service  
 Recommended: Flash Drive or other electronic storage device as backup for assignment files

**Class Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. If a student is absent from a class session, it is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements to complete or make up any work missed. No make-up work for missed classes will be allowed without the approval of the instructor. Students who enroll late must assume all responsibility for work missed. Classes not attended as a result of late enrollment may be counted toward excessive absences. Students not attending the entire class period may be counted absent for that period. An instructor may drop students with a grade of “WE” if students have been absent for an excessive number of days. Warning letters will be sent to the students advising them of the consequences of nonattendance and urging them to contact their instructors immediately. Excessive absences are defined as follows:

**Regular Semester**

- Courses which meet once a week ..... 2 absences
- Courses that meet twice per week ..... 3 absences
- Courses that meet four times per week ..... 5 absences

**Summer Session**

- Courses that meet four times per week in a five week session ..... 3 absences
- Courses which meet two evenings per week in a 10 week session ..... 3 absences

Students enrolled in special programs or individualized instruction should contact their program director/instructor regarding specific attendance requirements for the program/course. Some of the selective-admission, health-science programs have specific criteria regarding attendance. Students are encouraged to refer to program policies in these matters.

Jury Duty/Military/Official School Function

Scheduled absences are those that occur due to college-related activities or as a result of summons to jury duty or military duty. Classes missed as a result of scheduled absences will not be counted as excessive absences if the instructor is notified and provided documentation prior to the absence(s). Make-up work for scheduled absences will be at the discretion of the instructor.

In all instances, documentation must be provided to the instructor within 24 hours of receipt. Documentation should come from an appropriate party on letterhead or other official stationery with a signature and contact information. Documentation should list the corresponding dates of the leave.

### Medical leave

For medical-related absences, documentation must include written notice from the treating medical professional documenting time needed off related to medical reasons and time student may resume classes. The medical reason does not need to be listed on the documentation; the documentation must include only that there is a medical reason, the amount of time the student needs to be absent, and the time the student should be able to return to classes. Students who elect to work at home while on excused leave must meet with their instructors to make arrangements to do so. Working on coursework while on medical leave is not a requirement but can be requested by students. If students request that they be allowed to work at home while on an excused leave, the instructor will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the student is able to do so.

For students who have a medical condition necessitating time off or accommodation:

- 1) They may work at home on assignments if they choose to if on medical leave approved by a medical professional
- 2) Receive appropriate accommodations related to coursework (i.e., excused from labs with potentially harmful chemicals, have a larger desk, etc.)
- 3) Resume their studies where they left off once they return to classes
- 4) Be allowed to make up any missed work related to medical leave
- 5) Receive incompletes on their transcripts until coursework is completed, according to the incomplete grade contract.
- 6) Be given a reasonable time frame in which to complete missed coursework

### **Academic Honesty Policy**

Students enrolled at South Arkansas Community College are expected at all times to uphold standards of integrity. Students are expected to perform honestly and to work in every way possible to eliminate academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes cheating and plagiarism, which are defined as follows:

- Cheating is an attempt to deceive the instructor in his/her effort to evaluate fairly an academic exercise. Cheating includes copying another student's homework, class work, or required project (in whole or in part) and/or presenting another's work as the student's own. Cheating also includes giving, receiving, offering, and/or soliciting information on a quiz, test, or examination.
- Plagiarism is the copying of any published work such as books, magazines, audiovisual programs, electronic media, and films or copying the theme or manuscript of another student. It is plagiarism when one uses direct quotations without proper credit or when one uses the ideas of another without giving proper credit. When three or more consecutive words are borrowed, the borrowing should be recognized by the use of quotation marks and proper parenthetical and bibliographic notations.

If, upon investigation, the instructor determines that the student is guilty of cheating or plagiarism, the following penalties will apply:

- The student will receive a penalty of no less than a zero on the work in question.
- The instructor will submit a written report of the incident to the Vice President for Learning
- The Vice President for Learning will determine whether further disciplinary action will be taken.
- All decisions may be appealed for review through the college's Academic Appeals procedure.

### **Equal Opportunity-Affirmative Action Statement**

South Arkansas Community College does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in making decisions regarding employment, student admission, or other functions, operations, or activities.

### **Library Services**

Library Homepage: <http://southark.libguides.com/homepage> Library Contact: LibraryStaff@southark.edu or 870.864.7115

### **Procedures to Accommodate Students with Disabilities:**

If you need reasonable accommodations because of a disability, please report this to the Vice President of Student Services with proper documentation. . VPSS Contact: 870.875.7262

### **The Early Alert System**

In an effort to ensure student retention and success, South Arkansas Community College employs an Early Alert System to identify and support at-risk students as soon as possible in a given semester. The intent of Early Alert is to provide this assistance while there is still time to address behaviors or issues that have the potential of preventing students from completing their courses and degree plans. Students referred through the Early Alert System will be

required to work on a corrective action plan with their student advising coach and to include attendance accountability and mandatory academic tutoring either in the academic division or in the Testing and Learning Center (TLC).

Once the Student Advising Coach has met with the referred student, and again when the student has met the prescribed corrective actions, the coach will update the Early Alert System so that the instructor is kept informed of the progress in resolving issues.

**Behavioral Review Team**

At South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk), we are committed to proactive leadership in student wellbeing and campus safety. By focusing on prevention and early intervention with campus situations that involve any person experiencing distress or engaging in harmful or disruptive behaviors, the BRT will serve as the coordinating hub of existing resources to develop intervention and support strategies and offer case management. Students, faculty, staff, and campus guests are encouraged to report any person on campus who is a concern. BRT Contact: 870.875.7262  
BRT@southark.edu

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