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**Introduction to Early  
 Childhood Education  
 Course Syllabus**



**Pathway: Early Childhood Education I  
 Cluster: Education and Training**

**Course Description:** Early Childhood Education I prepares students for employment in early childhood education and services. The course of study includes planning and guiding developmentally appropriate practices for working with young children, including learning activities, guidance and discipline practices. In this course, the student will study the development of the child with an emphasis placed on; “addressing knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors associated with supporting and promoting optimal growth and development of infants and young children”. Quality child guidance and a thorough understanding of children are obtained.

**Course of Study:**

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Standards: (GPS)</b>
Employment Skills FCCLA (Future Community and Career Leaders of America)	<b>ET-ECE-1.</b> Demonstrate employability skills required by business and industry. <b>ET-ECE-2.</b> Examine how related student organizations are integral parts of career and technology education courses through leadership development, school and community service projects, and competitive events.
Careers in the ECE Field	<b>ET -ECE- 3</b> Analyze career paths within early childhood education and care.
Professional Work Ethic	<b>ET -ECE- 4</b> Identify the role of professionalism in early childhood care and guidance.
Theories of Development	<b>ET -ECE-5.</b> Examine theories of human development.
Infant/Toddler Development	<b>ET -ECE-6</b> Explore prenatal development and the growth, development, and care of the infant. <b>ET -ECE-7</b> Explore the growth, development and care of the toddler.
Preschool/School-Aged Development	<b>ET -ECE-8</b> Explore the growth and development of the preschool child. <b>ET -ECE-9</b> Survey the growth and development of the school age child, 6-12 years of age.
Collaborative Relationships with Children	<b>ET -ECE-10</b> Identify techniques for positive collaborative relationships with children.
Learning Environments	<b>ET -ECE-11</b> Determine components of a well-organized, developmentally appropriate learning environment.
Curriculum	<b>ET -ECE-12</b> Examine program management and curriculum in early childhood education and care.
Diversity	<b>ET -ECE-13</b> Incorporate diversity throughout early childhood education and care.

### **Early Childhood Education Grading Policy:**

As a semester long class, the final grade will be an average of each 9 weeks grade. Grades are weighted as follows:

Projects/Tests	50%
Quizzes/Homework	30%
Classwork	20%

### **Course supplies:**

2 or 3 inch binder  
Pack of dividers  
Notebook paper  
Pencils/Pens

### **Class notebook:**

Your notebook for my class will be divided up in the following sections and will be checked every two weeks for a grade.

- I. Starters/Bell Ringers
- II. Notes/Material (research or topics)
- III. Lesson Plans/Activities
- IV. Early Childhood Journal

### **Make Up Work:**

Students who fail to turn in work required to show mastery of course curriculum due to an absence will receive a "missing" in the gradebook. Students will be given three (3) school days past the absence date; in which they may complete the missing work. After the three (3) day period, all missing work will be given a zero (0). Make sure to communicate or email me if you are going to need more time or explanation.

### **Textbook:**

Students will not be issued a textbook for this class, but one will be available for classroom use (or as needed).

Our textbooks are as follows:

Working With Young Children by Judy Herr

Child Development by Celia Anita Decker

### **Classroom Rules/Conduct and Expectations:**

In this class you will be working with classmates within the classroom and within lab settings. An environment suitable for safe working levels will be maintained **at all times**. To ensure this, the school wide discipline plan (see Parent/Student Handbook) as well as other rules will be enforced. If minor violations occur a warning will be given; and repeated violations will be addressed through appropriate instructor-selected discipline procedures.

### **Classroom Discipline Procedure**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Parent Contact
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Lunch assignment/Detention
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Office Referral
- **Please note:** Some student behaviors can result in an immediate referral. These actions can include, but not limited to: skipping, disruptive behavior, cussing and/or disrespect.

All students are expected to follow the Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook and Classroom Rules.

## **Classroom Expectations**

- Students are responsible for bringing all materials to class every day. Sometimes you will be asked to turn in your papers when they are completed. Other times, you will be asked to place your papers in your folder for this class.
- Students and teachers are expected to work cooperatively in maintaining the classroom environment. **This process will include keeping the class clean. Project days will involve skill-learning plus clean-up duties.** This will help to ensure that our department exhibits an attractive image, that the students learn the most efficient methods to maintain a work area, and ultimately, achieve the end result of becoming a productive worker in our society.
- Students will work on assignments alone, in pairs and in groups. In some cases, you may have to work with someone you wouldn't choose—this gives you a chance to learn to work with everyone and it helps develop & build a good work ethic.
- Restroom: We are trying to maximize instructional time, therefore please use the restroom **before** class starts. Emergency restroom visits will be addressed on a case by case basis.
- No student will be allowed in the Preschool classroom lab without the permission of the instructor.
- Students may have a bottle of water in the classroom. However, food **will not be allowed** unless it is related to a lab activity. Keep any snacks/food/sodas in your backpack as they will not be allowed out during class.
- Facilities and Materials - There will be no utilization of department facilities, equipment, and materials without the direct permission of an instructor. (This includes using markers, construction paper, etc. for use on projects other than Early Childhood.)
- There will be no use of perfumes, lotion, sprays, makeup, brushes or combs of any kind.

## **Computer Use:**

Students will be required to access the Internet for some assignments and projects. Each student must have an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) on file at the school. All policies in the AUP will be followed.

Students should only use the Internet when instructed for classroom purposes. Students who are caught downloading/streaming music, on inappropriate websites, attempting to bypass the server, or participating in other questionable activities will receive a referral and their computer privileges may be revoked.

## **Cell-Phone Use:**

It is the policy of Meriwether County Board of Education that cell phones and other electronic devices are permitted to be in a student's possession. However, cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be in use or visible during school hours (8:00-3:20). If a student does not follow these rules, the student will be asked to place the phone on Mrs. Ellington's desk. Continued violation of this procedure will result in the phone being taken and given to the office for parent pickup.

**Club Organization:**

(CTSO: Career and Technical Student Organizations). CTSOs extend teaching and learning through innovative programs, business and community partnerships and leadership experiences at the school, state and national levels. CTSOs are a powerful avenue for helping our nation address key challenges such as workforce development, student achievement, economic vitality and global competitiveness. Our CTSO is (FCCLA) Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Membership is offered to all students who are enrolled in Consumer Sciences or others. This organization will be integrated into the curriculum. This club will meet in Mrs Ellington's room.

**Observations**

Due to the nature of this course, we will occasionally visit Mt. View Elementary or other child care centers to observe their students. During such visits, you are expected to dress professionally and act professional. These visits are a privilege and while we are guests in these settings, you need to remember you represent our program and our school. Permission slips will be sent prior to these visits.

**Please sign below that you have read and understand the information above.**

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Parent signature

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Date

