



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2020

CD 1011 A2 Intro to Early Learning and Child Care

2(2-0-0) 30 Hours for 15 Weeks

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TIME/LOCATION: Mondays 8:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Online

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course offers a broad overview of the field of early learning and child care. Students will investigate historical factors that have shaped early childhood theory and practice and will examine a variety of program models and their goals. The roles and responsibilities of the early childhood educator and determinants of quality early childhood programs are also discussed. This course also introduces students to some of the agencies and resources that support the professional growth of early childhood educators.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Gestwicki, Carol and Bertrand, Jane. (2012), Essentials of early childhood education (Fifth Canadian edition). Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd.

FALL 2020 DELIVERY: Remote Delivery. This course is delivered remotely. There are no face-to-face or onsite requirements. Students must have a computer with a webcam and reliable internet connection. Technological support is available through helpdesk@gprc.ab.ca

DELIVERY MODE(S): Classroom instruction will include a combination of lectures, discussions, small and large group work. Audio-visual materials and other resources will also be used.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course intends to provide students with:

- An overview of the field of early learning and child care.
- The opportunity to investigate historical factors that have shaped early childhood theory and practice
- Information pertaining to a variety of program models and their goals.
- An examination of the roles and responsibilities of the early childhood educator

- Discussion of the determinants of quality early childhood programs
- An introduction to some of the agencies and resources that support the professional growth of early childhood educators

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- Identify historical influences on current early childhood theory and practice.
- Explain the need and benefits of affordable, accessible, high quality child care and early education programs in Canada
- Outline the defining characteristics of various child care and early education programs (e.g. play school, family day care, out-of-school care, preschool, etc.) existing in Canada today and the challenges and rewards of working in each
- Describe a variety of contemporary program models, their goals and philosophies, e.g. Montessori, Waldorf, Reggio Emilia, High Scope, Aboriginal Head Start, Forest Preschools
- Identify the characteristics of high quality early childhood programs, including the attributes required of the early childhood educator.
- Demonstrate understanding of ethics and professionalism in Early Learning and Child Care.
- Demonstrate an awareness of key agencies and resources available to early learning and childcare professionals in Canada to support their professional growth in the field.

TRANSFERABILITY (if applicable): **It is the student’s responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

Quiz 1	20%
Quiz 2	20%
Assignment #1	20%
Assignment #2	30%
Attendance & in-class tasks	10%

****ALL assignments, quizzes, and in-class tasks must be completed in order to receive credit in the course.**

LATE POLICY: Assignments are to be submitted through D2L by midnight on the due date, unless arrangements have been made with the instructor **prior** to the assignment due date.

GRADING CRITERIA: A minimum grade of **C-** is required to pass this course.

Grande Prairie Regional College uses the **ALPHA** grading system as described in the table below:

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

College expects students' conduct to be in accordance with basic rights and responsibilities. Please refer to page GPRC College calendar regarding rights and responsibilities.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies>

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

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CD 1011 CLASS SCHEDULE

(Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change.)

You are responsible for completing the textbook and additional supplied readings prior to class. Additional readings will be assigned throughout the course and will be made available online.

Date	Topic	Textbook Readings	Assignments/Quizzes
Sept 14	Intro to Course Course Outline Becoming an Early Childhood Educator	Chapter 5	
Sept 21	Becoming an Early Childhood Educator	Chapter 5	
Sept 28	History of Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC)	Chapter 7	
Oct 5	Theoretical Influences	Chapter 7	
Oct 12-16	Thanksgiving & Fall Break		NO CLASSES
Oct 19	Current Program Models	Chapter 2	
Oct 26	Types of ELCC Programs Review	Chapter 1	
Nov 2	QUIZ		QUIZ #1
Nov 9	Quality in ELCC What does that mean?	Chapter 3	Assignment #1 due
Nov 16	Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)/Curriculum Framework	p. 52 – 53, Additional readings	
Nov 23	Ethics and Professionalism	Chapter 6, Chapter 8	
Nov 30	Ethics and Professionalism	Chapter 6, Chapter 8	Assignment #2 due
Dec 7	Advocacy and Resources	Chapter 9	
Dec 14	QUIZ		QUIZ #2

**Please be aware that this schedule may change based on the learning needs of the class.