



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

COURSE OUTLINE - Winter 2019

CD 2020 Environments for Young Children - 2(4.5-0-0) 30 HOURS

INSTRUCTOR: Theresa Suderman

PHONE: 780 539 2787

OFFICE: H210

E-MAIL: tsuderman@gprc.ab.ca

OFFICE HOURS: Please make appointment.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on how the child's physical environments support social, cognitive, physical and emotional development during the early childhood years. Students will analyze specific aspects and components of high quality environments for young children and will learn important principles applied to the design of indoor and outdoor environments for preschool children.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: Successful completion of first year or consent of Department.

*This course must be successfully completed immediately prior to CD2145 Practicum IV.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Curtis, D. & Carter, M. (2015). *Designs for living and learning: Transforming early childhood environments* (2nd Ed.). St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press

DELIVERY MODE(S): Classes will be comprised of lecture, independent and small group tasks and class discussions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course introduces students to:

- Physical environments which support social, cognitive, emotional and physical development in children.
- Optimum outdoor play spaces for children.
- Design principles and guidelines to create high quality indoor environments.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES: On completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. explain how the physical environments experienced in childhood contribute to the social, cognitive, emotional and physical development of young children.
2. describe the key components of a well-designed outdoor play space for young children.
3. discuss and apply specific design principles and guidelines that work together to create a high quality indoor play space for children.
4. demonstrate the ability to design a pre-school environment that gives young children and their families a sense of belonging.
5. design, establish, maintain and evaluate developmentally appropriate environments that respond to the developmental needs and interests of young children.

“Flight: Alberta’s Early Learning and Care Framework”, is a leading curriculum for the early learning and child care profession. Each course in GPRC’s Early Learning and Child Care program will encompass at least one of the areas from the framework such as: the vision, values, purpose and guiding principles of the framework, the curriculum core concepts from the framework: (The Image of the Child: A Mighty Learner and Citizen, A Practice of Relationships: Your Role as an Early Learning and Child Care Educator which includes curriculum meaning making as co-learners, co-researchers and co-imaginer of possibilities, Mighty Learners: Nurturing Children’s Dispositions to Learn, Co-inquiry, Responsive Environments: Time, Space, Materials and Participation, Transitions and Continuities: Supporting Children and Families through Change), discussion of Holistic Play-Based Goals for Children’s Responsive Care, Play, Learning and Development and Children’s Dispositions to Learn, Reflection and Planning Guides as well as Curriculum Learning Stories.

The concepts will be covered in a variety of different ways depending on the course and may include discussion, readings, and assignments.

EVALUATION:

Attendance and Participation: 10% (IN CLASS ASSIGNMENTS)

Assignments:

1. 10%
2. 10%
3. 20%
4. Designing Spring Nursery - 50%

TRANSFERABILITY:

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

Grande Prairie Regional College uses the ALPHA grading system. This system is described in the table below.

GRADING CRITERIA:

A final grade of C- must be obtained to pass this course. Final grades are based on the following 4-point system:

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalence	Percentage
A+	4.0	90-100
A	4.0	85-89
A-	3.7	80-84
B+	3.3	76-79
B	3.0	73-75
B-	2.7	70-72
C+	2.3	67-69
C	2.0	64-66
C-	1.7	60-63
F	1.3	55-59
F	1.0	50-54
F	0.0	0-49

Please check Distance Student Handbook for course withdrawal dates.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: It is the right of the student and course instructor to experience a favourable learning/teaching experience. It is the responsibility of the student and of the tutor to engage in appropriate adult behavior that positively supports learning. This includes, but is not limited to, treating others with dignity and respect. The student must be familiar with student rights and responsibilities outlined in the College calendar.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at

Copyright © 2016, Grande Prairie Regional College and its licensors.

<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/>

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE

To be handed out in class.