Reese Campus

Course Syllabus

Course: **CDEC 1343 – Independent Study in Child Development**
Semester: Summer 2016 (June 6 – August 1)
Class Times: Arranged
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of an approved career topic. Research, presentation of findings, and practical applications are emphasized as they relate to the selected topic.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:	NAEYC Standards	NAEYC Supportive Skills	Head Start Core Knowledge Areas
Develop an individualized project to meet the student's academic and professional needs; explore an area of interest to the student; may utilize a lab setting to apply new concepts.	Individualized to needs of student and area of study		

COURSE OBJECTIVES - See Scans and Foundations Skills

Students will:
1. Meet with instructor to design individual course of study, correlated with specific course in degree plan for Child Development/Early Childhood. (C1, F7)
2. Follow individual plan for course requirements in area of study. (F1, F2, F5, F6)
3. Complete assignments as designed for course, to meet student learning outcomes of chosen course. (C5-8)
4. Utilize lab setting to apply concepts, if designated in course of study. (F11)
5. Report to instructor on weekly basis, for review of progress and individual instruction where needed.(F13, F16)
6. Complete quizzes and/or exams as given in course of study plan.(C7)
7. Present completed individualized projects to small group.(C9, C10)
8. Compile all course materials in notebook for final review. (C3, C6)

EVALUATION METHODS

Student performance will be evaluated through:
- Attendance (meetings with instructor)
- Weekly assignments
- Quizzes/Exams
- Final projects
- Average 75% or above on all requirements

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Plagiarism - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

SCANS and FOUNDATION SKILLS ~Refer also to Course Objectives. SCANS and Foundation Skills attached.

VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES
Workplace competencies will vary with area of study, correlated with specific course in Child Development.

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

TEXT AND MATERIALS
Textbook will vary with course of study. See instructor for individual needs and ordering information.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
Students will be expected to maintain **weekly appointments** with instructor as developed on an individual basis. Some small group meetings may be required; dates/times to be announced.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY
All assignments must be typed and are due on individual **weekly schedules**.
Late assignments will be docked 10% for each week, up to 2 weeks, and will not be accepted after that time.

GRADING POLICY
Grades in this course will be determined using criteria from individual courses of study.
Final grades will be awarded as follows:

Final grade criteria:		
900-1000	90%	A
800-899	80%	B
750-799	75%	C
700-749	70%	D
699 & below		F

In case of excessive absence, or failure to complete assignments, students should consider withdrawing from the course to protect overall GPA. The final **drop date** for this course is July 25, 2016.

COMMUNICATION POLICY
- Electronic communication between instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College "My SPC" and email systems. Instructor will not initiate communication using private email accounts. Students are encouraged to check SPC email on a regular basis.
- Blackboard is an e-Education platform designed to enable educational innovations everywhere by connecting people and technology. This educational tool will be used in this course throughout the semester.

STUDENT CONDUCT
Students in this class are expected to abide by the standards of student conduct as defined in the SPC Student Guide.

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Outlines will correlate with specific course of study, on an individualized basis for each student.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office in rooms 809 and 811, Reese Center Building 8, 806-716-4675.

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RESOURCES

C-1 TIME – Selects goals-relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-2 MONEY – Uses or prepares budgets, makes forecasts, keeps records and makes adjustments to meet objectives.

C-3 MATERIALS AND FACILITIES – Acquires, stores allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 HUMAN RESOURCES – Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

INFORMATION – Acquires and Uses Information

C-5 Acquires and evaluates information.

C-6 Organizes and maintains information.

C-7 Interprets and communicates information.

C-8 Uses computers to process information.

INTERPERSONAL – Works with Others

C-9 Participates as members of a team and contributes to group effort.

C-10 Teaches others new skills.

C-11 Serves Clients/Customers – works to satisfy customer's expectations.

C-12 Exercises Leadership – communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 Negotiates – works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 Works with Diversity – works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

SYSTEMS – Understands Complex Interrelationships

C-15 Understands Systems – knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 Monitors and Corrects Performance – distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 Improves or Designs Systems – suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

TECHNOLOGY – Works with a Variety of Technologies

C-18 Selects Technology – chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 Applies Technology to Task – understand overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 Maintains and Troubleshoots Equipment – prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.

BASIC SKILLS–Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks

F-1 Reading–locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 Writing–communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 Arithmetic–performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 Mathematics–approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 Listening–receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 Speaking–organizes ideas and communicates orally.

THINKING SKILLS–Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn and Reason

F-7 Creative Thinking–generates new ideas.

F-8 Decision-Making–specifies goals and constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates and chooses best alternative.

F-9 Problem Solving–recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye–organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 Knowing How to Learn–uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.

F-12 Reasoning–discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

PERSONAL QUALITIES–Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty

F-13 Responsibility–exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 Self-Esteem–believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 Sociability–demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 Self-Management–assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 Integrity/Honesty–chooses ethical courses of action.

National Association for the Education of Young Children
Standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation

STANDARD 1. PROMOTING CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING
1a: Knowing and understanding young children's characteristics and needs, from birth through age 8.
1b: Knowing and understanding the multiple influences on early development and learning
1c: Using developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environments for young children

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 young 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 – including its use in development of appropriate goals, curriculum, and teaching strategies for young children
3b: Knowing about and using observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches, including the use of technology in documentation, assessment and data collection.
3c: Understanding and practicing responsible assessment to promote positive outcomes for each child, including the use of assistive technology for children with disabilities.
3d: Knowing about assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues to build effective learning environments

STANDARD 4. USING DEVELOPMENTALLY EFFECTIVE APPROACHES
4a: Understanding positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with young children
4b: Knowing and understanding effective strategies and tools for early education, including appropriate uses of technology
4c: Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching /learning approaches
4d: Reflecting on 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: language and literacy; the arts – music, creative movement, dance, drama, visual arts; mathematics; science, physical activity, physical education, health and safety; and social studies.
5b: Knowing and using the central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines
5c: Using own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate developmentally meaningful and challenging curriculum 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 early childhood professional guidelines
6c: Engaging in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice; using technology effectively with young children, with peers, and as a professional resource.
6d: Integrating knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on early education
6e: Engaging in informed advocacy for young children and the early childhood profession

STANDARD 7. EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD EXPERIENCES
7a. Opportunities to observe & practice in at least two of the three early childhood age groups (birth–3, 3-5, 5-8)
7b. Opportunities to observe and practice in at least two of the three main types of early education settings (early school grades, child care centers and homes, Head Start programs)

NAEYC SUPPORTIVE SKILLS
Supportive Skill #1: Self-assessment and self-advocacy
Supportive Skill #2: Mastering and applying foundational concepts from general education
Supportive Skill #3: Written and verbal communication skills
Supportive Skill #4: Making connections between prior knowledge/experience and new learning
Supportive Skill #5: Identifying and using professional resources

National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2011

☐ I have received a copy of the South Plains College Student Guide. I understand that I must comply with all areas of the Student Guide as a student in the Child Development/ Early Childhood program at South Plains College.

☐ I have reviewed this syllabus and understand the requirements for the course.

Signature _____ Date _____