

## Course Syllabus

Course Title: **TECA 1311-151 ~ Educating Young Children**  
Semester: Fall 2022  
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### General Course Information

#### Course Description

This course is an introduction to the education of the young child. It includes developmentally appropriate practices and programs, theoretical and historical perspectives, ethical and professional responsibilities and current issues. Course content is aligned with State Board of Educator Certification pedagogy and professional responsibilities standards. The course requires students to participate in a minimum of 16 hours of field experience with children from infancy through age 12 in a variety of settings with varied and diverse populations.

#### Student Learning Outcomes

	NAEYC Standards
Discuss contributions of key historical and contemporary theorists to the field of early care and education	S6
Explain the features of a developmentally appropriate program for young children	
Define each of the four basic developmental domains (physical, cognitive, emotional, and social)	
Examine the types of early childhood programs	
Analyze trends and issues of early care and education	
Identify the characteristics and developmental stages of a professional in early care and education	

#### Course Objectives (Scans and Foundations Skills noted)

At the conclusion of the course, students should be able to:

- 1. Discuss contributions of historical and contemporary theorists to the field of early care and education.**
  - a. Explain how views of childhood have changed over time.
  - b. Identify themes in the history of early care and education.
  - c. Discuss the role of advocacy in the progression of early care and education.
- 2. Explain the features of a developmentally appropriate program for young children.**
  - a. Define developmentally appropriate practice.
  - b. Discuss how knowledge of child growth and development impacts developmentally appropriate practice.
  - c. Analyze the effects of classroom routines and procedures on student learning.
  - d. Demonstrate an understanding of how young children function in groups (stages of play)
  - e. Explain the importance of play in young children's learning and development.
  - f. Create a schedule for young children that balances restful and active activities, and that provides large blocks of time for play, projects and learning centers.
  - g. Compare a developmentally appropriate classroom with one that is not developmentally appropriate, in relation to child-staff ratio, group size and teacher qualifications.
- 3. Define each of the four basic developmental domains**
  - a. List physical skills for young children.
  - b. List cognitive skills for young children.
  - c. List emotional skills for young children.
  - d. List social skills for young children.

4. **Examine and compare types of early childhood programs**
  - a. Family child care
  - b. Group child care
  - c. Preschool programs
  - d. Public School Pre-K
5. **Analyze trends and issues of early care and education**
  - a. Apply ideas from the Code of Ethical Conduct to early childhood scenarios.
  - b. Describe the “Standards Movement”.
  - c. Discuss diversity and inclusion as they apply to the early childhood classroom.
  - d. Explain importance of family involvement in early care and education.
  - e. Discuss issues of assessment as they relate to young children.
6. **Identify the characteristics and developmental stages of a professional in early care and education.**
  - a. Discuss characteristics of an early childhood professional.
  - b. Investigate career opportunities for the early childhood professional.
  - c. Identify professional development resources
  - d. Engage in reflection to identify strengths/challenges, improve teaching, and reach professional goals.

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#### Evaluation Methods

1. Attendance & participation in discussion
2. Weekly Discussion Board
3. Weekly reading assignments
4. Completion of weekly assignments
5. Sixteen hours field experience, with written documentation

#### 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 to 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.

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#### Scans Competencies

Resources  
Interpersonal Skills  
Systems  
Technology

#### Foundation Skills

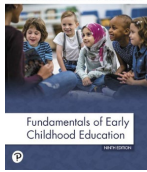
Basic Skills  
Thinking Skills  
Personal Qualities

#### Verification of Workplace Competencies- Capstone Experience

Students will complete an Ethical Dilemma Journal as the key assessment in this class. A copy will be included in the student's **Professional Portfolio** during the CDEC 1292 capstone course.

## Specific Course Requirements

### Textbook and Materials



**Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education**. 9<sup>th</sup> Ed., G.S. Morrison, Pearson Publishing Company, Boston, Mass., 2020.

ISBN 978-0135240519

South Plains College Bookstore, <https://www.sp-levbookstore.com/SelectTermDept>

### Computer Requirements

It is the responsibility of the student to have the necessary computer resources and skills to take this class. Students are not required to purchase their own computer but must have access to one that meets specifications. Computer labs are available for student use on the Levelland, Lubbock, & Reese campuses.

#### You will need:

- Microsoft Word
- Adobe Reader
- Anti-Virus Software

#### See SPC Instructional Technology Resources:

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/instructional-technology/instructional-technology.php>

**FREE Office 365 for students** <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/education/products/office>

**Adobe Acrobat Reader** - <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

### Other Requirements

- ➡ Students are responsible for arranging and completing field experience in appropriate environments, with specific documentation. **Sixteen hours of FE is required.**

### Attendance Policy

Students in this course attend class online. Attendance includes logging into the course **2-3 times per week**, to be documented through the Blackboard system.

If a student finds that he/she cannot complete the requirements of this course in a successful manner, it is the responsibility of that student to initiate a drop from the course. **Course withdrawals** are done through the registrar's office. See instructions on Drop Process in Blackboard in Syllabus Folder. Last drop date for the college is **December 1, 2022**.

### Assignment Policies

All assignments will be completed and/or submitted in Blackboard.

Assignments are due on the dates specified in the course calendar, by 11:59pm. Late assignments will be docked 10% of the value per week, unless prior arrangements have been made with instructor.

**Please do not wait until the last minute to turn in assignments, or you may have problems.**

### Grading Policy

Syllabus Quiz	50 points
Discussion Board (25 Post @ 16 points)	400 points
Ethical Dilemma Journal	200 points
Midterm Exam	100 points
Final Exam	100 points
Field Experience Documentation (16 hrs.)	150 points
	1000 points

Final Grades		
900-1000 points	90-100%	<b>A</b>
800-899 points	80-89%	<b>B</b>
750-799 points	75-79%	<b>C</b>
700-749 points	70-74%	<b>D</b>
699 points & below	(69%)	<b>F</b>

**NOTE:** Students must earn a **C** or above for course to be applied to a Child Development certificate or degree.

## Communication Policy

- Primary communication between instructor and students in this course should take place through **Blackboard Mail**.
- Outside the Blackboard system, any electronic communication between instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College email systems. Instructor will not initiate communication using private email accounts. **Students are encouraged to check SPC email on a regular basis. If you need to email the instructor you need to have the subject of the email to be TECA 1311 Educating Young Children followed by the subject of the email. Example: TECA 1311 Education Young Children Question about Assignment 1**
- **Students may expect instructor responses to email messages within 48 hours.**

## Student Conduct

Students are expected to follow the standards of student conduct as defined in SPC Student Guide. Please read the guide that is posted in Blackboard. See signature form.

## Campus Carry

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: ([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php)) Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

## COURSE OUTLINE

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| <p><b>I. You and Early Childhood Education: Becoming a Professional</b><br/>The Early Childhood Professional and the Six Standards of Professionalism<br/>Developmentally Appropriate Practice and Essential Practices for Teaching in Inclusive Early Childhood Classrooms.<br/>Pathways to Professional Development<br/>Developing a Philosophy of Education</p> <p><b>II. Early Childhood Education Today: Understanding and Responding to Current Issues</b><br/>Issues Influencing the Practice of Early Childhood Education<br/>Teaching and Learning in the Inclusive Classroom</p> <p><b>III. History and Theories: Foundations for Teaching and Learning</b><br/>The Importance of Theories of Learning<br/>Famous Historical Figures and their Influence on Early Childhood Education</p> <p><b>IV. Implementing Early Childhood Programs: Applying Theories to Practice</b><br/>The Growing Popularity of Quality Early Childhood Child Care: Serving Children and Families<br/>What is Quality Education and Care?</p> | <p>Program Models<br/>Federal Programs for Young Children<br/>Additional Early Childhood Models</p> <p><b>V. Observing and Assessing Young Children: Guiding, Teaching, and Learning</b><br/>Assessment and its Importance<br/>Types and Methods of Assessment<br/>The Significance of Using Observation to Assess<br/>Critical Issues in the Assessment of Young Children</p> <p><b>VI. Technology Today</b><br/>Children of the Net Generation<br/>Integrating Technology in the Early Childhood Program<br/>Parents and Teachers Supporting Children's Use of Technology<br/>Technology Use with Children With special and Diverse Needs</p> <p><b>VII. Infants and Toddlers: Critical Years for Learning</b><br/>Brain Development<br/>Infant and Toddler Development<br/>Preparing Enriched Environments<br/>Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers</p> <p><b>VIII. The Preschool Years: Getting Ready for School and Life</b></p> |
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	<p>The Teacher's Role in Encouraging Peer Interactions in Preschool Classrooms</p> <p>Developmentally Appropriate Practice and the Preschool Curriculum</p> <p>Play in Preschool Programs</p>	<p>Children with Disabilities</p> <p>Teaching English Learners (ELS)</p> <p>Multicultural Education</p>
<b>IX.</b>	<p><b><i>Kindergarten Today: Meeting Academic and Developmental Needs</i></b></p> <p>The History of Kindergarten Education.</p> <p>Environments for Kindergarteners.</p> <p>Curriculum in the Kindergarten.</p>	<p><b>XII.</b> <b><i>Guiding Children's Behavior: Helping Children Be Their Bests</i></b></p> <p>Guiding Behavior in a Community of Learners</p> <p>What is the Social Constructivist Approach to Guiding Behavior?</p>
<b>X.</b>	<p><b><i>The Primary Grades: Preparation for Life</i></b></p> <p>Early Elementary Children: What they are like.</p>	<p><b>XIII.</b> <b><i>Parents, Families and the Community: Building Partnerships for Student Success</i></b></p> <p>New Views of Parent and Family Partnerships</p> <p>Changing Parents and Families: Changing Involvement</p> <p>Types of Parent and Family Involvement</p> <p>Teaching and Learning in the Inclusive Classroom: Involving Families of Children with Disabilities</p>
<b>XI.</b>	<p><b><i>Educating Children with Diverse Needs: Ensuring Each Child Learns</i></b></p> <p>The Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA)</p>	

## 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 to the Coordinator of Disability Services. For more information visit the Disability Services Office at Reese Center, Building 8, or call 806-716-4654.

### Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

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## SCANS COMPETENCIES

### 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.

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## FOUNDATIONS SKILLS

### 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 (NAEYC)  
**Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators**

**Standard 1: Child Development and Learning in Context**

- 1a: Understand the developmental period of early childhood from birth through age 8 across physical, cognitive, social and emotional, and linguistic domains, including bilingual/multilingual development.
- 1b: Understand and value each child as an individual with unique developmental variations, experiences, strengths, interests, abilities, challenges, approaches to learning, and with the capacity to make choices.
- 1c: Understand the ways that child development and the learning process occur in multiple contexts, including family, culture, language, community, and early learning setting, as well as in a larger societal context that includes structural inequities.
- 1d: Use this multidimensional knowledge – that is, knowledge about the developmental period of early childhood, about individual children and about development and learning in cultural contexts – to make evidence-based decisions that support each child.

**Standard 2. Family-Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections**

- 2a: Know about, understand and value the diversity of families.
- 2b: Collaborate as partners with families in young children’s development and learning through respectful, reciprocal relationships and engagement.
- 2c: Use community resources to support young children’s learning and development and to support families, and build partnerships between early learning settings, schools, and community organizations and agencies.

**Standard 3. Child Observation, Documentation, and Assessment**

- 3a: Understand that assessments (formal and informal, formative and summative) are conducted to make informed choices about instruction and for planning in early learning settings.
- 3b: Know a wide range of types of assessments, their purposes, and their associated methods and tools.
- 3c: Use screening and assessment tools in ways that are ethically grounded and developmentally, ability, culturally, and linguistically appropriate in order to document developmental progress and promote positive outcomes for each child.
- 3d: Build assessment partnerships with families and professional colleagues.

**Standard 4. Developmentally, Culturally, and Linguistically Appropriate Teaching Practices**

- 4a: Understand and demonstrate positive, caring, and supportive relationships and interactions as the foundation of early childhood educators’ work with young children.
- 4b: Understand and use teaching skills that are responsive to the learning trajectories of young children and to the needs of each child, recognizing that differentiating instruction, incorporating play as a core teaching practice, and supporting the development of executive function skills are critical for young children.
- 4c: Use a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate, culturally and linguistically relevant, anti-bias, evidence-based teaching skills and strategies that reflect the principles of universal design for learning.

**Standard 5. Knowledge, Application, and Integration of Academic Content in the Early Childhood Curriculum**

- 5a: Understand content knowledge – the central concepts, methods and tools of inquiry, and structure – and resources for the academic disciplines in an early childhood curriculum.
- 5b: Understand pedagogical content knowledge – how young children learn in each discipline – and how to use the teacher knowledge and practices described in Standards 1-4 to support young children’s learning in each content area.
- 5c: Modify teaching practices by applying, expanding, integrating, and updating their content knowledge in the disciplines, their knowledge of curriculum content resources and their pedagogical content knowledge.

**Standard 6. Professionalism as an Early Childhood Educator**

- 6a: Identify and involve themselves with the early childhood field and serve as informed advocates for young children, families, and the profession.
- 6b: Know about and uphold ethical and other early childhood professional guidelines.
- 6c: Use professional communication skills, including technology-mediated strategies, to effectively support young children’s learning and development and to work with families and colleagues.
- 6d: Engage in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice.
- 6e: Develop and sustain the habit of reflective and intentional practice in their daily work with young children as members of the early childhood profession.





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- ☐ I have reviewed the syllabus for this course and understand the requirements as described.
- ☐ I am familiar with the South Plains College **Student Guide** and agree to follow the code of conduct as given in the guide.

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Signature

*There will be a section of the  
syllabus quiz where you will agree  
to the above statements.*