
Childhood Studies/Educational Assistant Certificate

Winter 2013

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Office hours:

Tuesday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Thursday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
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Hours of Instruction:

Thursday 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Room 216
1 credit 1 hour 15 weeks

Course Description:

This course provides a weekly forum to support and debrief practicum experiences and explore the integration of theory with practice. The types of early childhood programs, the legislation governing those programs and the responsibilities and ethical behavior of early childhood professionals will be discussed. Students will be introduced to resource files as a method of organizing professional information and curriculum ideas.

1 credit, 15 weeks, 15 hours

The co-requisite for this course is EA 110

Required Resources:

Copple, C. & Bredekamp, S. Eds. (2009). *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in early childhood programs: Serving children from birth through age 8*. (3rd ed). Washington, DC: NAEYC.

Practicum Workbook (REPROPACK)

Course Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Recognize and demonstrate the professional attitudes and behavior required for a successful practicum experience.
- Discuss and analyze the components of the practicum experience.
- Become familiar with the Alberta Program of Studies and develop skills and knowledge in adapting educational curriculum to meet the specific needs of students.
- Recognize and display an active understanding of the role of the Educational Assistant within a multidisciplinary team.

Evaluation:

Seminar (EA 125) is evaluated on a pass or fail basis. A student must succeed in both Practicum I (EA 110) and Practicum Seminar I (EA 125) in order to receive a passing grade in both.

Performance Requirements:

Group participation is a major component of the seminar; therefore **regular attendance is required**. Attendance of less than 80% without confirmation of extenuating circumstances and arrangements to address missed practicum content in an alternate way will result in a failing grade.

Important - Please note: A complete practicum book is necessary to achieve a passing grade. An incomplete book will result in failing practicum and thus a failing grade in practicum seminar.

In accordance with Keyano College policy, Practicum courses are a PASS/FAIL course.

Academic Regulations

Please use this link to view Keyano College's Academic Regulations:
<http://keyano.ca/sites/default/files/academic%20regulations.pdf>

Academic Schedule

Scroll down to page 9 of this document to review the academic schedule:
http://keyano.ca/sites/default/files/a_files/calendars/keyano_calendar_credit%2082012-2013%29.pdf

Attendance Expectation:

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Please note the following dates for Winter 2013:

January 1	College closed (New Year's Day)
January 7	Winter semester begins for academic programs Tuition deposit is non-refundable as of the first day of classes
January 11	Last day to add courses for academic programs Winter semester fees due
January 14	\$100 late fee is added if all fees are not paid in full, Financial Hold applied
January 18	Last day to drop courses for academic programs Last day to withdraw from full year courses without academic penalty Last day to waive KSCA Health & Dental Plan (new Winter student only)
February 15	Last day to withdraw from courses with 50% refund of tuition fees
February 18	College closed (Family Day)
February 25- March 1	Reading Week. No classes for academic programs
March 8	Last day to withdraw from courses without academic penalty
March 29	College closed (Good Friday)
April 1	College closed (Easter Monday)
April 24	Last day for Academic upgrading and Childhood Studies

Proposed Topics:

Orientation to Practicum

Practicum Workbook Orientation

Developing an understanding of the rhythms of a classroom

Working as part of a multidisciplinary team

Ethical Behaviour

Code of Conduct

Field Debriefing

Assignment Integration

Health and Safety

Specialized Supports & Duty to Accommodate:

Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program

If you have a documented disability or you think that you would benefit from some assistance from a Disabilities Counsellor, please call or visit the Disability Supports Office 780-792-5608 to book an appointment (across from the library). Services and accommodations are intended to assist you in your program of study, while maintaining the academic standards of Keyano College. We can be of assistance to you in disclosing your disability to your instructor, providing accommodations, and supporting your overall success at Keyano College.

Specialized Supports and Duty to Accommodate

Specialized Support and Duty to Accommodate are aligned with the office of Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program (LAP) guided by federal and provincial human rights legislation, and defined by a number of Keyano College policies. Keyano College is obligated by legislation to provide disability-related accommodations to students with identified disabilities to the point of undue hardship.

Authorization:

This course outline has been reviewed and approved by the Program Chair.

Sherry Duncan, Instructor

Guy Harmer, Dean

Date Authorized

Signed copies to be delivered to:

Instructor
Registrar's Office