COURSE SYLLABUS

LAST REVIEW	Spring 2021
COURSE TITLE	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood
COURSE NUMBER	ECED 0140
DIVISION	Social and Behavioral Sciences & Public Services
DEPARTMENT	Early Childhood Education and Development
CIP CODE	19.0708
CREDIT HOURS	3
CONTACT HOURS/WEEK	Class: 3
PREREQUISITES	None
COURSE PLACEMENT	Students must meet the correct placement measure for this course. Information may be found at: https://www.kckcc.edu/admissions/information/mandatory-evaluation-placement.html

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood course introduces methods of observing, documenting, and assessing children's learning from 0 to age 8 in the context of cultural and developmental variations. Students are introduced to learning standards and assessment tools for evaluating safe and healthy indoor and outdoor learning environments, adult-child interaction and child developmental skills. Students will create a professional report including formative and summative assessments, checklists, work samples, pictures, and interviews. The course requires five observational visits to a variety of early childhood settings Early childhood programs must be a licensed family, group, center, Head Start, faith-based, public or private pre-k –grade-3 settings. Observation visits total ten hours (two hours each).

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. PLO #1 Describe and demonstrate the practices necessary to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for infants and toddlers or preschool aged children.
2. PLO #2. Evaluate the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of the child to implement a developmentally appropriate program.
3. PLO #3. Describe the principles of child development and learning as it relates to their own professional philosophy of the education of infants and toddlers or preschool aged children.
4. PLO #4. Describe and demonstrate effective program management including positive interactions with children and families.

Institutional Learning Outcomes

☒ Communication
☐ Computation and Financial Literacy
☒ Critical Reasoning
☐ Technology and Information Literacy
☒ Community and Civic Responsibility
☐ Personal and Interpersonal Skills

TEXTBOOKS
http://kckccbookstore.com/

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION
A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to, lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE

I.   What is Observation?
II.   Developmental Growth Characteristics
III.   Observing and Recording in Groups
IV.   Ethical and Professional Consideration

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will

A. CLO #1 Demonstrate ability to choose appropriate observation and assessment tools in order to gain an understanding of information about each child's development.
B. CLO #2 Maintain professional behaviors including ethical and confidentiality during observations, assessment and conferencing.
C. CLO #3. Collect and organize information within a child study aligning objectives of observation and assessment
D. CLO #4 Communicate observations in written form and personal conferment to families and professionals.
E. CLO #5. Apply child development theory to observation and assessment in the context of cultural, linguistic and developmental variations.

ASSESSMENT OF COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES
Student progress is evaluated through both formative and summative assessment methods. Specific details may be found in the instructor's course information document.

COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Student Handbook
https://www.kckcc.edu/files/docs/student-resources/student-handbook-and-code-of-conduct.pdf

College Catalog
https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/catalog/index.html

College Policies and Statements
https://www.kckcc.edu/about/policies-statements/index.html

Accessibility and Accommodations
https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/resources/student-accessibility-support-services/index.html.