Course Information

Credits  2
Campus   Washburn Institute of Technology
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Description
This course will assist students in developing teaching philosophies, developing areas for a balanced curriculum, writing lesson plans, selecting toys, equipment and educational materials, and exhibiting professionalism. The method of instruction will utilize textbook, lecture, and student activity sheets. Assessment of the course includes written and assigned activities.

Textbooks
none

Student Learning Outcomes:
A. Communicate effectively
B. Integrate technology
C. Learn effectively
D. Demonstrate cooperative teamwork skills
E. Apply safety in the workplace
F. Think critically and creatively
G. Demonstrate responsible work ethics

Competencies
1. Identifies basic areas of a child care center.
2. Demonstrates knowledge of how to effectively use the physical space of a center.
3. Explains how to design various learning centers, both indoors and outdoors.
4. Demonstrates an understanding of how to select toys and equipment for young children.
5. Identifies safety issues relating to toys and outdoor equipment.
6. Explains nutritional problems which may occur during early childhood.
7. Identifies ways to make foods more appealing to children.
8. Identifies personal characteristics to examine when determining a career path.
9. Creates an effective cover letter and resume, and completes job applications.
10. Identifies organizational techniques for the job search process.
11. Identifies follow-up activities for use after a job interview.
12. Practices effective interview skills with a local center director/assistant director.

Guidelines for Success

Assessment Plan
Assessment is an integral part of the educational process at Washburn Tech and accurate feedback is an important tool in continuously improving the institution’s technical programs. Students can expect to participate in assessment activities prior to entry into programs, within specific courses and following program completion for specific fields of study.

GRADING CRITERIA
Grades are earned using a point system. Grade percentage is determined by calculating number of points earned divided by the number of points available. Points are earned daily for attendance and participation as well as through assignments and exams.

Grading Scale
90-100%   A
80-89%     B
70-79%     C
60-69%     D
59%-Below  F

Attendance
If a student will be absent, he or she must call the instructor before class begins in order for the absence to be excused. If a student knows in advance of an absence, he or she may tell the instructor at that time. Any other absence is considered unexcused.

Excused lab time is made up by substituting in the lab for another student or observing at another child care facility. Unexcused absences result in a loss of daily points as well as points available for that day in the lab.
Disability
The Special Support Services (SSS) Office is responsible for assisting in arranging accommodations and for identifying resources at Washburn Institute of Technology for persons with disabilities. Qualified students with disabilities MUST register and provide documentation with the office to be eligible for services. New requests for accommodations should be submitted two months or more prior to the date services should begin; however, contact the SSS Office as soon as a need may arise. Depending on the accommodation request, four to eight week lead time may be needed for timely and effective provision of services. SSS coordinates and assist in arranging services it deems appropriate of eligible students on a case-by-case basis.

If you are a student with a disability that may substantially limit your ability to participate in this class and believe you will need accommodations, it is your responsibility to contact:

Special Support Services Coordinator
Phone: 785-228-6356
E-Mail: ssscoordinator@washburn.edu