

COURSE SYLLABUS

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C.D. 33 - Creative Learning Experiences For Children

This course will provide an introduction to the different ways young children learn and how individual differences must be considered when planning any group activity. The importance of creative expression will be emphasized in many areas of the curriculum. Methods of integration of activities into a thematic format will be explored.

Course Content:

- I. Learning and Growth & Development
 - a. setting goals for children's cognitive growth
 - b. brain function, learning, and expression
 - c. individual differences in learning styles

- II. Creativity and the young child
 - a. developing aesthetic values
 - b. creative motivators
 - c. creative expression

- III. Creative activities in the Early Childhood curriculum
 - a. arts and crafts
 - b. music and movement
 - c. literature and language
 - d. science
 - e. math
 - f. dramatic play
 - g. social studies
 - h. pre-writing

- IV. Planning, presenting and supervising
 - a. classroom arrangement
 - b. modifications and variations
 - c. child centered activities
 - d. display and preservation

- V. Curriculum planning and organization
 - a. one year plan
 - b. setting goals and objectives
 - c. intergration of curriculum into thematic plan
 - d. intergration of multicultural and antbias values

Grading: The final grade will be determined on a basis of accumulated points from the following assignments:

	Points
1. two thematic units	- 25 & 50
2. curriculum resource file	- 100
3. two written exams	- 10 each
4. class presentations	- 10 each
5. weekly projects	- 10 each
6. attendance & participation	10
7. readings	- 5 each

Last day to drop without penalty: Friday Oct. 17, 1997