

**Reedley College**  
**Department of Child Development**  
**CHDEV 1: Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children**  
**Spring 2020 Section 50003 – Wednesday 6:00-8:50p.m. – CCI 205**  
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*(See Home Page on Canvas)*

## **Course Description:**

Historical context and theoretical perspectives of developmentally appropriate practice in early care and education. Examines the role of the early childhood educator, identification of best practices for environmental design, curriculum, and teaching strategies. Explores teacher child relationships, professional ethics, career pathways and professional standards.

## **Recommended Materials** *(For writing assignments - not required, but highly recommended):*

- ✓ American Psychological Association (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (6<sup>th</sup> edition)*. Washington, DC.

## **Required Textbook and Materials:**

- ✓ Regular Use of CANVAS
- ✓ Regular Use of RC email.

## **Student Learning Outcomes:** (Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to...)

1. Compare and contrast historical and current early childhood education perspectives, theories, and program types and philosophies.
2. Describe the role of the early childhood educator, including ethical conduct and professional pathways.
3. Identify quality in early childhood programs related to environment, curriculum, and teaching strategies.

## **Course Objectives:**

1. Describe developmentally appropriate practice.
2. Identify the historical roots, theories, standard, and approaches in early care and education.
3. Compare various program types and philosophies.
4. Discuss personal philosophies of teaching, career pathways, ethics, and professionalism.
5. Examine the developmental needs of children at various ages.
6. Describe characteristics of effective relationships, positive guidance, and teacher-child interactions.
7. Use indicators of quality to analyze various early childhood settings, and curriculum, and teaching strategies.

## **Class Performance Expectations:**

You will be expected to participate in large and small group discussions and various class activities. Active participation is likely to enhance your enjoyment of the course material and facilitate a higher level of learning. You will be encouraged to share your own reactions to course materials, lab experiences, questions, and ideas, as these are what will enable you, your classmates, and your instructor (me!) to gain the most from our time together. Reading the assigned materials prior to class is IMPORTANT. Being able to critically analyze what you have read and discussed, as well as make connections to real world settings when applicable, are ultimate goals.

## **Students with Disabilities:**

Upon identifying themselves to the instructor and the college, students with disabilities will receive reasonable accommodation for learning and evaluation. For more information, contact Disabled Student Programs & Services (559) 638-0332 or TTY (559) 638-0382.

## **Academic Success:**

In order to succeed at the highest level in college, be sure to utilize the College services that are available to all students. This includes the Tutorial Center, Writing Center, Disabled Student Services, Computer Lab, Library, and Counseling Services. The instructor will comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), by appropriately accommodating any student with verified disabilities.

## **CANVAS:**

Information about this course, and resources for it, will be available on Canvas. Canvas is available at <http://reedleycollege.edu>. You will use your RC username and password to login. Through Canvas, you will be able to access the syllabus, assignment guidelines, and any handouts that will supplement the texts and/or lectures. In addition, you will be able to send email to your classmates and me. You will also be able to use Canvas to check your grades online. You should monitor your grades to be sure they are entered accurately and completely. If there is a mistake, please bring it to my attention as soon as you notice it. Please keep all returned assignments until your final grade has been posted at the end of the semester in the event that I make a recording error.

Please note that ONLY your RC email address is recognized by Canvas. Any messages that I send to the class will be sent through Canvas, and therefore through your RC email address. I will not respond to personal emails due to spam and other computer viruses, this mean if your email is not sent through your Reedley College email, **I will not open it.** You are responsible for information disseminated through email; ignorance (“I didn’t check my email,” “My e-mail isn’t working,” “I don’t have access to a computer,” etc.) is not an acceptable excuse.

## **Attendance Policy:\*\***

The instructor of this course believes that, though not always measureable, much important learning occurs in the classroom when we are engaged in discussions about course content. Because of this belief, the instructor has a policy that **any student who misses four (4) or more classes, for any reason, will not receive credit for the class, regardless of scores earned on work completed.** A roll sheet will be distributed at every class meeting, and you must sign each time to be considered present for the entire class. Signing for a classmate is

cheating, and doing so puts you at risk for receiving a failing grade in the course. Students who enroll late into the course (after first 7 days) will not be able to make up any work already completed.

## **Communication:**

All course communications **MUST** come to me through the Canvas messaging system. I do my best to respond in a timely manner, however, that being said, if you email me, I will ignore the email. Always contact me by Canvas In-Box. If you are uncertain or have questions about how to use any part of the Canvas system use the help guides.

As students, sometimes it is difficult to understand an instructor is not available to answer communications at all hours of the day and night. All communications will be answered within a 24-48 hours. If, for some reason you have not heard from me, please send me a respectful, kind reminder (those are greatly appreciated).

## **Weekend Hours:**

As students, most of you are taking more than one course and have the demands and enjoyments of life. We, instructors also have those same demands and enjoyments, for this reason I am not available during the weekend hours. I will check on the class on Fridays, and most of the time *not available* again until Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. Every now and again, you **MIGHT** find me online on the weekend and I **MIGHT** answer a question or two. However, this does not mean I am constantly available during these hours. I will **NEVER** answer on Sundays or holidays. I encourage you to use the Q & A discussion boards (your classmates are a great resource!) or In-Box me by Friday.

## **Leaving Early & Arriving Late Policy:**

As a college student who has enrolled in a class, you are aware well in advance the time that each class starts at the time you register. Therefore, being late or leaving early to/from class is **NOT EXCEPTABLE**. It is disrespectful to the learning environment of the classroom, your fellow classmates and your instructor. If you are late or leave early you will not receive points for any in class assignments or activities that may occur. Leaving early or arriving late will affect your grade as well as your learning of the material presented in class. If you are late do not come to class.

Students who enroll late into the class (after the first 7 days), will not be able to make up any work that has been missed or previously completed. Students who enroll late are knowingly doing so and therefore run this risk.

## **Cell Phone Policy:**

All cell phones are to be turned off at the beginning of each class session. Students **MAY NOT** use cell phones in class for any reason unless specified by the instructor of the course. If a student is caught using a cell phone during the class session the student will be dismissed from that class meeting and will need to meet with the instructor before the next class session.

## **Participation and Accountability:**

We have a lot to learn from each other, so individual contributions to large group discussions are encouraged and individual contributions to small groups are required. When not speaking to the class or a small group, participation includes alert and respectful attention to anyone speaking to the class or small group.

Disrespectful behavior to peers and/or the instructor will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and may result in the loss of points or, in extreme circumstances, dismissal from the course. While it is acceptable to express disagreement with the views of others, including mine, this must always be done in a calm, respectful manner; it is never acceptable to disrespect or condescend another student or instructor for expressing his/her views.

You, the student, are responsible for all assignments and information that you miss due to any kind of absence. In the event of an absence, it is **your** responsibility to ask a classmate for notes and information.

## Late Assignments:

Turning assignments in on time is very important and enables the instructor to return graded assignments more quickly. Some assignments **WILL NOT** be accepted late or made-up, those include In-Class Assignments/Participation, Quizzes, and the Personal Teaching Philosophy assignment. **ONE** assignment per student will be accepted up to **ONE WEEK** late **WITH PRIOR NOTICE TO THE INSTRUCTOR\***.

## Writing Expectations:

You will see in the various assignment guidelines on Canvas as well as in the Assessment Procedures below that writing quality is taken into consideration on all assignments. Overall writing quality includes grammar, usage, mechanics, style, as well as following proper APA citing style where applicable. All outside assignments are to be typed; any assignment turned in handwritten will result in a score of zero.

The Writing Center (Humanities Building Room 58) offers free writing assistance to students on campus. For more information on all they offer, visit or call Writing Center Information at 638-3641 ext. 3619 or email [rcwritingcenter@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:rcwritingcenter@reedleycollege.edu). Learning to study more effectively will also help with writing, and The Tutorial Center (Library Building LRC 111) has a variety of services to help you succeed in college through more effective learning strategies. For more information call the Tutorial Center at 559-638-0358.

Proper writing is a basic expectation when someone has earned a college degree, and writing quality really does matter; it matters here, and it will matter in your profession. If you intend to work with children and families, there will be many times when you need to communicate information that is crucial, including rationale for continued funding for your job and the children and families you serve. We often are required to communicate through our writing, and without good, consistent writing mechanics, it is difficult to communicate effectively.

## Assessment Procedures:

As noted above, the quality of your writing matters. Below you will find a general description of the characteristics that are necessary for an 'A' paper\*, a 'B' paper, etc. All work completed outside of class will be graded for content and synthesis of ideas as well as writing format and mechanics.

\*Note that in these descriptions, "paper" is used to refer to all assignments written outside of class. Including projects and presentations etc.

- A A superior paper that thoroughly and insightfully addresses each aspect of each item. There may be slight flaws, but overall, this is a paper that demonstrates a thorough and complex understanding of the many concepts covered. Additionally, this paper is void of spelling and grammar mistakes, and thoughts are clearly and succinctly expressed and organized. All sections are complete.

- B A very good paper that is beyond adequate. This is somewhat less developed, insightful, and organized than the 'A' paper, yet still is indicative of a good understanding of the concepts. It may have minor problems with writing mechanics such as spelling or grammar but is clear and coherent. All sections are complete.
- C A good paper that is adequate and addresses each aspect of each item in a satisfactory way. This paper, though, lacks the depth of understanding and synthesis that is evident in the 'A' and 'B' papers. Each item is addressed fully, but there is a lack of complexity, synthesis of ideas, and quite possibly consistency in understanding concepts. This paper may have numerous but minor problems with writing mechanics. All sections are complete.
- D A minimally acceptable paper that, in a significant way, does not address all of the items. This paper shows problems in many areas and may reflect a more serious lack of understanding about the course concepts and/or information being elicited through each paper item. This paper is likely to have serious problems with writing mechanics. There may be incomplete sections.
- F A failing paper has major deficiencies and does not meet the minimum requirements of addressing each aspect of each item in a way that clearly articulates understanding of course concepts. It is likely that there are serious problems with writing mechanics. There may be incomplete sections.

When computing final course grades at the end of the semester, issues such as participation and percentage of work completed will be taken into consideration when determining borderline grades. For instance, if you are only two or three points away from a B, have participated actively, and have turned in all assignments, you may be judged to have earned a B in the course.

## **Honor Code:**

As a community of learners together we will adhere to principles of academic integrity and mutual respect while engaged in college work and related activities. You should:

- a) Understand or seek clarification about expectations for academic integrity in this course (including no cheating, plagiarism and inappropriate collaboration).
- b) Neither gives nor receives unauthorized aid on examinations or other course work that is used by the instructor as the basis of grading.
- c) Take responsibility to monitor academic dishonesty in any form and to report it to the instructor or other appropriate official for action.

## **Cheating and Plagiarism:**

Cheating is the actual or attempted practice of fraudulent or deceptive acts for the purpose of improving one's grade or obtaining course credit; such acts also include assisting another student to do so. Typically, such acts occur in relation to examinations. However, it is the intent of this definition that the term 'cheating' not be limited to examination situations only, but that it includes any and all actions by a student that are intended to gain an unearned academic advantage by fraudulent or deceptive means. Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating which consists of the misuse of the published and/or unpublished works of others by misrepresenting the material (i.e., their intellectual property) so used as one's own work. Penalties for cheating and plagiarism range from a 0 or an F on a particular assignment, paper, examination or project, through an F for the course,

at the discretion of the instructor. For more information on the college's policy regarding cheating and plagiarism, refer to the Reedley College Catalog (2019-2020).

## Disruptive Classroom Behavior:

The classroom is a special environment in which students and faculty come together to promote learning and growth. It is essential to this learning environment that respect for the rights of others seeking to learn, respect for the professionalism of the instructor, and the general goals of academic freedom are maintained. Differences of viewpoint or concerns should be expressed in terms which are supportive of the learning process, creating an environment in which students and faculty may learn to reason with clarity and compassion, to share of themselves without losing their identities, and to develop an understanding of the community in which they live. Student conduct which disrupts the learning process shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

## Study Expectations:

It is usually expected that students will spend approximately 2 hours of study time outside of class for every 1 hour in class. Some students may need more, or less, outside study time than others. For on campus tutoring, contact the Tutorial Center (Library Building LRC 111) a variety of services to help you succeed in college through more effective learning strategies are offered. For more information call the Tutorial Center at 559-638-0358.

## Requirements for Assignments:

- ✓ Double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font, no larger than 1-inch margins.
- ✓ Make sure all assignments are clearly labeled with your name, course title, and semester (Spring 2020) at the top right-hand corner (single-spaced) for any assignment I ask
- ✓ All assignments must be turned in through Canvas; no exceptions. Assignments will not be accepted through email/In-Box under any circumstances.
- ✓ I highly advise always making a copy and save of your work.
- ✓ Make sure to read **ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS** for a given assignment. You will lose a significant amount of points for failing to do this.

## Assignments: (brief overview)

### In-Class Participation/In-Class Assignments/Small Group Work (60 points) – SLOs: 1-3

Throughout the course of the semester opportunities for large and small group discussions, small group presentations, activities, assignments, reflections and responses to class material will be given. If you are unable to attend class, arrive late or leave early, you will miss these opportunities and not receive points. *Keep in mind the point value.* **These points cannot be made up.** (See: Attendance Policy on Syllabus)

### Chapter Quizzes (16 x 20 points = 320 points) SLOs: 1-3

There will be one quiz per week. Each multiple choice/short answer quiz will be worth a total of 20 points. **These quizzes will begin on Week #1.** The content within the quiz relates to the materials read in the corresponding module on Canvas, as well as any additional information from articles, lectures & notes. **Make sure you are studying and reading each week.** All quizzes are on Canvas. It is the student's responsibility to take the quizzes on time before the due dates, the course instructor will not remind students. All quizzes open on Mondays and close the following Monday. **Quizzes will not be unlocked on Canvas after the due date – no exceptions. Quizzes cannot be made up.**

### **Theory Paper & Presentation (50 points) SLOs: 1 & 3**

Research a theorist, create a presentation reflecting what you've discovered about your theorist, and present your theorist to the class (see: "Explanation of Assignments and Rubrics" module on Canvas).

### **Career Pathway Presentation & Reflection (50 points) SLOs: 2 & 3**

Research a profession in the field of Early Education, this is not limited to teachers. Students *may* interview a professional on the field. You need to research your chosen career, create a presentation reflecting what is required for you to begin working in your career, and present your career to the class (see: "Explanation of Assignments and Rubrics" module on Canvas).

### **ECE Topic Presentation & Reflection (50 points) SLOs: 1-3**

Choose a topic of interest to present on. This topic can be on anything within the field of Early Childhood Education (see: "Explanation of Assignments and Rubrics" module on Canvas).

### **Personal Teaching Philosophy (30 points) SLOs: 1-3**

Develop a teaching/professional philosophy. This philosophy will be no more than 2-3 pages in length and will reflect on what you as the student and future teacher have learned. The student will describe the role of an early childhood educator including ethical conduct and professionalism as it is to them (see: "Explanation of Assignments and Rubrics" module on Canvas).

## **Grading**

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>SLOs</b>
In-Class Participation/In-Class Assignments/Small Group Work	<b>60</b>	1-3
Chapter Quizzes	<b>320*</b>	1-3
Theory Paper & Presentation	<b>50</b>	1 & 3
Career Pathway Presentation & Reflection	<b>50</b>	2 & 3
ECE Topic Presentation & Reflection	<b>50</b>	1-3
Personal Teaching Philosophy	<b>30</b>	1-3
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>560</b>	

### **Grading Scale:**

560-504= A

503-453= B

452-407= C

406-366= D

365 and Below F

## Important Dates:

January 13	Instruction Begins
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – <i>Holiday</i> (Campus Closed)
February 14	Lincoln’s Day – <i>Holiday</i> (Campus Closed)
February 17	Washington’s Day – <i>Holiday</i> (Campus Closed)
March 13	Last day to withdraw from college or to be dropped from 18-week classes. Last day for degree and certificate of achievement candidates to file application for May 2020 completion date.
April 6 - 10	<i>Spring Break</i>
May 18 - 22	Final Examinations
May 22	<i>End of Spring Semester 2020</i>

## Syllabus Disclaimer:

This syllabus constitutes a contract between the instructor of this course and the student enrolled in the course. The student’s decision to take this course denotes:

1. Acceptance of this syllabus.
2. Acceptance of the expectations of this course as outlined by this syllabus.
3. The student understands that the course schedule outline in this syllabus, including assignment due dates, are subject to change. Students will be notified through Blackboard, email or in class of any changes.
4. The student’s understanding that it is their responsibility to read and complete all assignments and turn in all work by the designated times.

\*\*This syllabus and course calendar are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to check on Canvas for announcements made while you were absent, or check-in with a classmate.