

CHDEV 6: Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Education  
Course Syllabus

**Course Information**

Section 54026  
Unit Load: 3  
Class Meets on Canvas\*

**Instructor Information**

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**Communication Policy:**

If you have questions, then you can contact me through a variety of methods:

- Email me at [nancy.marsh@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:nancy.marsh@reedleycollege.edu)
- Voice message at 559-494-0300 x3249
- Message me through Canvas Inbox located on the left of the screen on Canvas
- Zoom meeting during office hours (check Canvas for links)

**Office Hours:**

Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 – 9:50 am or by appointment.

\*All office hours are virtual using Zoom.

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

Being that we are in the middle of a pandemic we will need to take precautions to stop the spread of Covid-19. If you feel that you are sick, please isolate yourself and get tested. If you become sick and are having difficulties with completing your assignments, please contact me as soon as possible. It is possible for you to successfully complete the course through a mild illness. I will accommodate you with extended non-penalized due dates if appropriate. Let's stay healthy!

**Course Description:**

This course covers an introduction to the laws, regulations, standards, policies and procedures and early childhood curriculum related to child health, safety and nutrition. Topics include prevention, detection, and management of communicable disease; medical issues associated with disabilities and chronic illness; physical health; mental health and safety for both children and adults; collaboration with families and health professionals. Integration of the concepts discussed into planning and program development for children ages 0 to 5 will be emphasized.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon “successful” completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe strategies used to promote health, safety, and nutrition of children and adults in early childhood settings.
2. Evaluate environments for both positive and negative impacts on children's health and safety.
3. Identify regulations, standards, policies, and procedures related to health, safety, and nutrition in early childhood settings.

**Required Text:**

This is an Open Educational Resources (OER) course and does NOT have a textbook. Instead you will be assigned readings on Canvas.

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**Course Details:**

1. **There are 18 weeks in this semester.** The last week is Final's Week. The module for final's week contains the final essays, but no readings.
2. **There are two parts to every online course you take:**
  - a. online Canvas modules and assignments
  - b. off-line study time and completion of assignments.
  - c. This course is worth 3 units, which means that you should expect spend between 6 - 9 hours a week working on this course both on- and off-line.
3. **Canvas:** All of the course information to help you master this course can be accessed on Canvas.
  - a. If you do not have a home computer or device for accessing Canvas, you need to contact the technology department at 559-637-2555. The College has a limited number of laptops and accessories available to loan to students.
  - b. Almost all of your assignments will be completed using Canvas. However, there is a difference in Canvas on a computer browser and the Canvas App.
    - i. The app may not show all of the photos that accompany the Canvas pages.
    - ii. The app may not provide spell check or may auto-correct what you're typing. Once your work is submitted it is considered a complete and final draft. Points will be deducted for incorrect spelling, improper grammar and text-writing. If you struggle with these areas, then please use a computer to spell-check and proofread your work before submitting it.

**Attendance Policy:**

You are required to visit Canvas early each week (before midnight on Tuesday) and post a quick response to the Check-In question in our module for that week. This post serves two purposes; 1) to count as attendance in the course, and 2) to ensure that you visit Canvas and are aware of the assignments due that week, in enough time to complete the work. You can earn a total 90 points toward your final grade (5 points Check-In Post). *If you fail to complete the Check-In Post then you will be marked absent for that week (regardless of when you complete the post).*

**Late Work Policy:**

All assignments should be turned in on or before the listed due date. Late work will only be worth half points regardless of how late the assignment is turned in. Online quizzes cannot be turned in late.

**Grades:**

Final Grades are determined on the basis of accumulated points from required assignments.

Letter Grade	Point Range	Percentage
A	270 to 300	90 to 100%
B	240 to 269	80 to 89%
C	210 to 239	70 to 79%
D	180 to 209	60 to 69%
F	0 to 179	0 to 59%

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### Required Assignments:

1. **Check-In:** The check-in posts are due on Tuesdays and serve as attendance for our class. Each check-in post is worth 5 points towards your final grade. If you miss a check-in post then you will be marked absent for the week.
2. **Activities:** You will have a total of 4 projects to complete during this semester. These projects require you to research and explore the topics from the weekly modules and then type your results in a short paper. These projects are worth 15 points each.
3. **Discussions:** You will have a total of 4 discussions to complete during this semester. You must post an answer to a question related to the weekly module and then respond to your classmates. You will receive up to 10 points for posting your answer and 5 points for responding to your classmates.
4. **Essays:** There are 3 essays worth 30 points each. These essays are related to the student learning outcomes outlined above and cover all of the materials and discussions from the course.

### Course Schedule:

A schedule is provided on Canvas in a file and through Canvas Calendar.

### Important Dates:

1. **January 11, 2021:** Semester begins
2. **January 18, 2021: Holiday—No classes held and the campus is closed**
3. **January 29, 2021:** Last day to register for class
4. **February 12, 2021:** Holiday—No classes held and the campus is closed
5. **February 15, 2021:** Holiday—No classes held and the campus is closed
6. **March 12, 2021:** Last day to drop the class (letter grade assigned after date)
7. **March 29 – April 2, 2021: Spring recess—No classes held and the campus is open**
8. **May 14, 2021: Last day to submit assignments (before midnight)**
9. **May 17-21, 2021:** Final Exams Week
10. **May 21, 2021:** Grades submitted to Admissions and Records before noon.
11. **May 21, 2021:** Semester ends.

### Having Problems?

If at any time you find you are having trouble succeeding in this course, whether because of a change in your life circumstances or because of something you don't understand about the materials, please see the instructor. There are a number of services available to assist Reedley College students in succeeding in their coursework. A list is located on Canvas in Module 1.

### Other Important Information:

1. **Syllabus and Class Policies:** These, and other important documents for our course, can be accessed on Canvas. It is your responsibility to read and understand all of the important documents on Canvas.
2. **Extra Credit:** You can earn up to 9 points of extra credit by taking the Syllabus Extra Credit Quiz in Module 1. This is the only extra credit opportunity.
3. **Grades in Progress:** Canvas shows your grade as a work in progress that changes as assignments become due. For this reason your grade may look as if it is rising or falling as more

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assignments become due. If you have any questions about your grade during the semester, please see me during my office hours. Grades will not be discussed through email.

4. **Grading:** All assignments will be graded as quickly as possible, but can take some time. Please be patient.
5. **Cheating/Plagiarism:** Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated. A student will receive no credit for the assignment if in the opinion of the instructor the individual has cheated.
6. **Dropping the Course:** It is YOUR responsibility for dropping the course if you choose. You must drop using the proper procedures through Reedley College Admissions and Records office. If you choose to stop attending class, make sure that you do an official drop, otherwise you might end up with an “F” grade for the course.
7. **Announcements:** All important information will be communicated through Canvas Announcements. The homepage for our class will highlight the last three announcements. All announcements are emailed to students when posted to Canvas.
8. **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

### **Changing Syllabus Statement:**

This course syllabus is equivalent to a contract between the instructor and the student. However, the information in this syllabus is subject to change at any time during the term. All changes will be announced on Canvas and students are responsible for noting such changes. I do not anticipate any changes being made this session.

The student’s decision to continue in the class denotes acceptance of:

- this syllabus as a contract outlining the student’s responsibilities to complete all required assignments by the due dates
- the changing syllabus statement
- the expectations of this course as outlined in this syllabus
- final grades being determined on the basis of accumulated points from required assignments
- that grades will be submitted on the date and time indicated in the course schedule and discrepancies need to be addressed before this time.

Students disagreeing with the above statements should withdrawal from this course section and enroll in a section of this course taught by another instructor.