

CHFM 1514 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

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Course Description

1514. Introduction to Early Childhood Education. Historical and theoretical foundations of early childhood education; overview of early childhood environments, relationships with children and families, and curricular issues. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Foundations of Early Childhood Education		

Gonzalez-Mena, J. (2024) Foundations of Early Childhood Education. Teaching Children in a Diverse Society, 8th ed. McGraw Hill. New York.

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	None	Course Introduction	Students Introductions
8/31	Chapter 1	ECE as a Career	Family Letter is due 9/6 Quiz 1 is due 9/6
9/7	Chapter 2	Health and Safety	Health and Safety Checklist is due 9/13 Quiz 2 is due 9/13
9/14	Chapter 3	Communicating with Young Children	Anecdotal Records are due 9/20 Quiz 3 is due 9/20
9/21	Chapter 4	Facilitating Work and Play	Community Forum is due 9/27 Makerspace is due on 9/27 Quiz 4 is due on 9/27
9/28	Chapter 5	Guiding Behavior	Behavioral Expectations is due 10/4 Quiz 5 is due on 10/4
10/5	Chapter 6 Chapter 7	The Teacher as Model	Quiz 6 is due 10/11 Quiz 7 is due 10/11 Community Forum is due 10/11
10/12	Chapter 8	The Physical Environment	Classroom Map is due on 10/18 Quiz 8 is due on 10/18
10/19	Chapter 9	The Social-Emotional Environment	Name Your Culture is due on 10/25 Quiz 9 is due on 10/25

10/26	Chapter 10	Routines	Community Forum is due on 11/1 Quiz 10 is due on 10/1 Daily Schedule with Transitions is due on 11/1
11/2	Chapter 11	Developmental Tasks as Curriculum	Quiz 11 is due on 11/8
11/9	Chapter 12	Observing Recording and Assessing	Child Assessment is due on 11/15 Quiz 12 is due on 11/15
11/16	Chapter 13	Language and Literacy	Community Forum is due on 11/22 Quiz 13 is due on 11/22 Interest Area: Literacy is due on 11/22
11/23	Chapter 14	Math and Science	Real World Math is due on 11/29 Quiz 14 is due on 11/29
11/30	Chapter 15	Art, Music and Social Studies	Toolbelt is due on 12/9 Quiz #15 is due on 12/6

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