

CHFM 2650 - Introduction to Assessment of Young Children

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Course Description

2650. Introduction to Assessment of Young Children. Principles of conducting developmentally appropriate assessments of behavior and development of young children; assessment purposes, strategies, and appropriate use of assessment information. Includes five hours of field experience. Prereq.: Minimum grade of "C" in CHFM 2633 or PSYC 3755. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Assessment in Early Childhood Education		

8th edition, ISBN 0135206529

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	None	Course Introduction	Student Introductions are due on 8/27
8/31	Chapter 1	Overview of Observation and Assessment	Action-based Research is due on 9/6 Quiz 1 is due on 9/6
9/7	Chapter 2	Assessing Infants and Toddlers	Guidelines for Assessing YC is due on 9/13 Quiz 2 is due on 9/13
9/14	Chapter 3	Communicating with Families about Assessment	Top ten Tips is due on 9/20 Quiz 3 is due on 9/20 Family Discussion is due on 9/20
9/21	Chapter 4	Standardized Tests	Preschool Tests is due on 9/27 Quiz 4 is due on 9/27
9/28	Chapter 5	Using and Reporting Standardized Tests	Quiz 5 is due on 10/4 Standardized Report is due on 10/4
10/5	Chapter 6	Using Data to Make Decisions	Project-based Learning is due on 10/11 Quiz 6 is due on 10/11 Project Discussion is due on 10/11
10/12	Chapter 7	Observation in ECE	Quiz 7 is due on 10/18 Observation Discussion is due on 10/18
10/19	Chapter 7	Observation in ECE	Observation Practice is due on 10/25



10/26	Chapter 8	Checklists, Rating Scales and Rubrics	Quiz 8 is due on 11/1 Assignment Resources is due on 11/1
11/2	Chapter 9	Teacher Designed Assessments	Quiz 9 is due on 11/8 Designing an Assessment is due on 11/8
11/9	Chapter 10	Performance-based Assessments	Performance-based Assessment is due on 11/15 Quiz 10 is due on 11/15
11/16	Chapter 11	Portfolios in ECE	Quiz 11 is due on 11/22 Portfolios is due on 11/22
11/23	None	Making Assessments Useful	Community Forum is due on 11/29
11/30	None	Final Project	None
12/7	None	Final Project	Final Project is due on 12/8 Toolbelt is due on 12/9

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