

CHFM 3790S - Directed Practice Seminar

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Credit hours: 2

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Course Description

3790S. Directed Practice Seminar. Directed practice seminar provides an opportunity to study and discuss relevant topics related to teaching and learning in the preschool classroom. Focus on developmentally appropriate practices, reflection on practice, and ongoing professional development.

Prereq.: CHFM 1514, CHFM 3733L. Coreq.: CHFM 3790. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Being a Professional, Partnering with Families, Becoming a Team Player		

Gigi Schweikert 3-pack

ISBN: 978-1-60554-128-0

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 Placement Info journal is due on 8/28
8/31	Becoming a Professional	Becoming a Professional	Workbook Step 1 and 2 is due on 9/7 Placement Discussion is due on 9/6
9/7	Becoming a Professional	Becoming a Professional	Workbook Steps 3 and 4 is due on 9/13 Workbook Steps 5 and 6 is due on 9/13
9/14	Positive Action Establishing Norms PDF	Rules and Routines	Rules and Expectations are due 9/20
9/21	ODJFS Family Solutions	Child Guidance	Behavior Management Discussion is due on 10/4
9/28	UofM Positive Discipline	Behavior Management	None
10/5	Learning Policy Institute	Program Quality and Effective Teaching	None
10/12	Healthy Children Department of Health	Technology	Tech Discussion is due on 10/11
10/19	Becoming a Team Player	Becoming a Team Player	Workbook #2 is due on 10/24 ST Update is due 10/20

10/26	Partnering with Families	Partnering with Families	Beginning the Day is due on 11/1 Parent Communications is due on 11/1
11/2	DAP Position Statement	Creating a Community of Learners	Creating the Environment is due on 11/8
11/9	OSTP Ohio Pages	Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession	OSTP Assignment is due on 11/15
11/16	Atkins and Murphy	Reflecting on Teaching	Reflection is due 11/22
11/23	Penfield	Play and Development	Play Assignment is due on 11/29
11/30	None	Saying Goodbye	Goodbye Assignment is due on 12/3
12/7	None	Course Wrap up	

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