

EDUCATION 464-4

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SUMMER SEMESTER, 1985  
THURSDAYS, 1:00 - 4:50

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General Objectives

Students will become familiar with the characteristics of the learning of young children in both school and non-school settings. Students will also learn to design instructional experiences for young children across a variety of instructional modes.

Topics

- I. Learning in the early years
  - A. Non-school settings
  - B. School settings
- II. Instruction of young children
  - A. Inadvertent
  - B. Non-direct
  - C. Direct
- III. Curriculum considerations
  - A. Selection of what to teach
  - B. Selection of instructional method
- IV. Special considerations
  - A. Television
  - B. Special needs

Requirements

Term Paper Students will select a topic from a list of suggestions for development into a discussion/argument of approximately 30 pages.

Final Examination A one-week takehome examination, due at the last class meeting.

Curriculum Development Project Students will work in small groups to develop a module of curriculum from a suggested list of objectives.

Texts

Brophy, Good & Nedler. Teaching in the Preschool. Harper & Row, 1975.

Donaldson, Grive & Pratt. Early Childhood Development and Education. Blackwell, 1983.