

Early Childhood Education

Spring Semester, 1986 Wednesdays, 4:30 - 8:20 Instructor: R. Gehlbach Location: MPX 8651

<u>General Objectives</u>

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

<u>Topics</u>

- I. Learning in the Early Years
 - A. How children learn in non-school settings
 - B. Implications for learning in school
- II. The Psychology of Instruction for Young Children
 - A. Non-direct
 - B. Direct
- III. Curriculum Decisions and Instructional Design
 - A. Selection of what to teach
 - B. Selection of instructional method

<u>Requirements</u>

- **Examinations** Three one-week take-home examinations, at regular intervals throughout the term, comprising 60% of the mark.
- **Term Paper** Students will select a topic from a list of suggestions for library research and development into an academic paper of 15-20 pages, comprising 40% of the final mark.

<u>Text Materials</u>

Kaplan-Sanoff and Yablans-Magid, <u>Exploring Early Childhood</u>. Macmillan, 1981.

Additional materials will be placed on LRC reserve when needed.