EDUCATION 464-4

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Spring, 1987

Tuesday, 4:30 - 8:20 Location: MPX 7600 Instructor: Phone:

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Prerequisites: Educ 401/402 or equivalent.

Course Description:

The course will focus on understanding the conditions under which children learn, both within and outside school settings. Participants in the course will examine philosophical issues pertaining to the special educational needs of young children. Participants will explore psychological issues related to the design of instructional programs for young children. Throughout the course the emphasis will be on program design that is (a) systematic in the achievement of specific learning outcomes and (b) appropriate to the needs and nature of young children.

Course Requirements:

- 1. Students will write a 2-hour general final examination on material from the texts, lectures, and class discussions.
- 2. Students will complete a report on the design, implementation and evaluation of an instructional program for one or a few children, utilizing and/or testing instructional principles featured in the course.

Required Texts:

Donaldson, M., Grieve, R., and Pratt, C. <u>Early Childhood Development and Education</u> Oxford: Blackwell, 1983.

B.C. Ministry of Education. <u>Kindergarten Curriculum Guide and Resource Book</u> Victoria, B.C.: Ministry of Education, 1984.