

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION 464-4
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Fall Semester, 1990
Thursdays
16:30-20:20
Location: MPX 7600

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COURSE OUTLINE

This course examines current trends, issues and research relating to the education of young children. Students enrolled in this course will examine a selection of philosophical and psychological issues relevant to the education of children in primary grades. As a consequence of this examination, students will be able to place current issues in an historical perspective and be in a position to offer constructive comment on some current points of concern in the field.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Relationships between early childhood education, education in later years, child care and schooling.
- The nature of child centered education. Topics will include: needs and interests of learners, growth and development as metaphors in early childhood education, and the place of aims in early childhood education.
- Instructional strategies, including an examination of direct instruction, play, and naturalistic learning.
- The importance of language experience and basal reader programs.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Assignments:	30%
Design Project:	30%
Annotated Bibliography:	15%
Final Examination:	25%

REQUIRED TEXT

Ministry of Education (1990) Primary Program. Victoria: Curriculum Development Branch, Province of British Columbia.

Other readings on specific topics will be made available at cost as the course progresses.