

EDUCATION 495-4

SPECIAL TOPICS: DESIGNS FOR LEARNING - KINDERGARTEN

Spring, 1988
Thursday, 4:30 - 8:20

Instructor: Melanie Zola
Location: MPX 8651

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will introduce you to a survey of principles and practices of school programs for the early years - specifically at the Kindergarten and Year One levels in British Columbia.

The course will focus on such topics as:

- selected aspects of child growth and development as they relate to, and hold implication for, school programs in the initial years;
- goals and objectives of a Kindergarten/Year One Program;
- creating learning environments and selecting, organizing, and implementing instructional strategies, materials, and content;
- appraising pupil learning, assessing teaching performance, and evaluating educational programs.

The course will comprise of a broad range of experiences (lectures, workshops, seminars, discussions groups, etc.) organized in such a way as to model a student-centered approach and to maximize individualization of learning.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and participation in all parts of the program.

Completion of all required readings, and completion of various follow-up assignments.

TEXT

Students are expected to become familiar with the B. C. Kindergarten Curriculum Guide and Resource Book. There will also be extensive reference to Wassermann's: Put Some Thinking in Your Classroom.

A bibliography of theoretical and practical resource books for recommended reading and general reference will be distributed at the first session.