

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 495-4

SPECIAL TOPICS: TEACHING CREATIVE DANCE (K-8)

Summer Session, 1989
(July 4 - August 11)
Tuesday/Thursday
1:00 P. M. - 4:50 P. M.
Location: MPX 7540 (Gym)

Instructor: Ruth Emerson
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Phone: 291-4479, or 3363
Message: 291-3395

PREREQUISITES:

Educ. 401/402 or equivalent or permission of instructor.
Dance experience, though welcome, is not essential.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for the elementary teacher who would like to use dance in his/her classes. The course would be helpful to teachers using dance in an arts, physical education, or classroom context. In this experiential class students will dance together in order to explore movement and the making of dances. Laban movement principles of Body, Effort, Shape, and Space will be studied in terms of understanding how to teach dance and choreography. Rather than being specifically dance technique based, movement in the course will incorporate general human actions as a non-verbal language. Different uses for movement and dance in elementary school will be investigated, and students will work on developing lessons and units of dance.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

50% - class attendance and participation
50% - final written project (to be presented to the class)

REQUIRED TEXT:

CAHPER, Creative Dance, Basic Skills Series.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Ruth Emerson was an original member of the then avant-garde Judson Dance Theatre in New York, and a member of the Pearl Lang Dance Company. Ms. Emerson has a Master of Arts in Dance from the University of Illinois and is a Certified Laban Movement analyst. In recent years, she has been teaching dance, choreographing, developing high school arts programs and directing her own dance company. In spring '88 she took the SFU Off-Centre Dance Co. on tour through B.C. schools, and in fall '89 she was the dance specialist in the Fine Arts module of the Professional Development Program.

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Have you ever wanted to take a student teacher, but wondered if you could help him/her as much as you would like?

OR

Have you had a student teacher and wondered how you could most benefit professionally from the experience?

OR

Are you interested in working with other teachers in developing peer observation and peer coaching projects?

IN OTHER WORDS....

If you want a rewarding professional development experience - we have the course for you!



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Simon Fraser University will offer Ed. 495-3
(Special Topics: Developmental Supervision)
in Fort St. John in the fall semester.

This is one of SFU's most in-demand courses. It will take place in Fort St. John, starting Sept. 22 and ending Dec. 1. There will be six classes, approx. 5 hours each (probably Thursdays from 4pm to 9pm). The assignments are practical, and there is no final exam. Course numbers may be limited, so register soon. If you require more information, or a Simon Fraser University Application for Admission form, call me at the College, 785-6981.

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Coordinator, A.H.C.O.T.E.