

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 464-4

Early Childhood Education

Summer Intersession, 1990
(May 7 - June 29)
Tuesdays & Thursdays
1:00 - 4:50 P. M.
Location: MPX 8620

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PREREQUISITE:

Education 401/402 or equivalent.

DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for persons interested in the education of young children aged 2-8 years, including programs in day care, preschool, and kindergarten, with a slight concentration on kindergarten.

1. Students will engage in historical, sociological and philosophical issues in ECE.
2. Students will explore the psychological foundations of a variety of ECE instructional practices, from teacher-directed lessons to instructionally designed play environment.
3. Students will learn to apply a general theoretical framework to comprehensive programming for young children in both preschool and the primary grades.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Five two-page thought papers on specific readings.
2. Final examination -- essay format.

TEXTS:

Selected reprints (Note: Students will be charged cost price for copies.)

EDUCATION 464-4 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This course is intended as a basic theoretical introduction to the education of young children in preschool, daycare, and public school settings. Major areas of focus will include:

- 1 Historical and philosophical issues in ECE.
- 2 The psychological foundations of a variety of ECE instructional practices, from teacher-directed lessons to instructionally designed play environments.
- 3 Applications of selected theories relevant to instructional planning at the preschool and primary levels.

PREREQUISITE: EDUC 401/402 or equivalent.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Ministry of Education *Primary Program*

Doyle, W. and T. Good, 1982. *Focus on Teaching*. University of Chicago Press.

Roopnarine, Jaipaul L. and James E. Johnson, 1987. *Approaches to Early Childhood Education*. Merrill Publishing Co.

In addition, there will be a number of assigned readings from the Education 464-4 Study Guide.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

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| Two assignments based on the readings | 30% |
| 15 page Term Paper | 25% |
| 3 lesson plans | 25% |
| Take Home Final Exam | 20% |