

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 464-4

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

(E1.00)

(Cat. # 91061)

Fall Semester, 1992
(September 8–December 4)
Monday, 4:30–8:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 8620

Instructor: J.D. Clarkson

PREREQUISITE : 60 hours of credit.

COURSE OUTLINE

Those who enroll in this course will examine historical trends, philosophical issues and instructional research relating to early childhood education. They will also engage in exercises intended to show how philosophical and empirical research are relevant to classroom instruction of young children. Although the course deals mainly with theoretical issues, there is a practical aspect as well. Students will be asked to design an instructional unit suitable for an elementary school classroom.

Students and teachers with an interest in the current changes to British Columbia's education system might find this course particularly interesting as some of the issues to be discussed will be relevant to understanding "Primary Program."

Topics to be discussed will be selected from the following areas:

- Historical Perspectives in ECE
- Planning Strategies for the ECE Curriculum
- Motivation and Self-concept in the Classroom
- Play as an Educational Activity
- Whole Language / Basal Approaches to Language Instruction
- Direct Instruction in the ECE Classroom

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Five Three-page Discussion Papers	50%
One Major Term Paper (about 15 pages)	25%
Annotated Lesson Plan and Presentation	25%

REQUIRED TEXT

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

Readings on specific topics will be made available at cost (approximately \$10.00) as the course progresses.