

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**EDUCATION 464-4**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**  
**(D2.00)**  
**(Cat #52442)**

Summer Session, 1992  
(June 29 – August 7)  
Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.  
Location: MPX 7600F

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**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**

Three 3-Page Discussion Papers	30%
One Major Term Paper (about 10 pages)	30%
Annotated Lesson Plan and Presentation	40%

**REQUIRED TEXT**

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