

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**EDUCATION 464-4**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
(E1.00)**

Fall Semester, 1991  
(September 3 – November 29)  
Thursdays, 4:30–8:20 p.m.  
Location: MPX 8620

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**PREREQUISITE**

EDUC 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**

Ministry of Education. Primary Program Curriculum Guide.

Egan, Kieran. (1990). Primary Understanding. Routledge.

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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.

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### **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:**

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

**COURSE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES WITHOUT NOTICE.**