

## EDUCATION 488-4

### SPECIAL TOPICS: DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: KINDERGARTEN

Regular Semester, 1987  
May 4 - July 31  
Thursday, 5:30-9:20

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#### PREREQUISITES:

Educ. 401/402 or equivalent.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course will introduce you to a survey of principles and practices of school programs for the early years -- specifically at the Kindergarten and Year One levels in British Columbia.

The course will focus on such topics as:

- selected aspects of child growth and development as they relate to, and hold implication for, school programs in the initial years;
- goals and objectives of a Kindergarten/Year One program;
- creating learning environments and selecting, organizing, and implementing instructional strategies, materials and content;
- appraising pupil learning, assessing teaching performance, and evaluating educational programs.

The course will comprise of a broad range of experiences (lectures, workshops, seminars, discussion groups, etc.) organized in such a way as to model a student-centered approach and to maximize individualization of learning.

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance and participation in all parts of the program.

Completion of readings, completion of a curriculum development project, and completion of various follow-up assignments.

Demonstration of competency in fulfillment of selected assignments.

#### TEXT:

Students are expected to become familiar with the Kindergarten Curriculum Guide and Resource Book. They will also be referring extensively to Raths et al. Teaching for Thinking in the development of a curriculum project.

A bibliography of theoretical and practical resource books for recommended reading and general reference will be distributed at the first session.