

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION 464-4
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Regular Summer Semester, 1991
(May 6 - August 2)
Tuesdays, 5:30 - 9:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 7500F

Instructor: J.D. Clarkson
Phone: 291-3222

PREREQUISITE: Educ. 401/402 or equivalent.

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 philosophy and 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 a lesson compatible with a theme to be announced in the first week of lectures and present this lesson to the class during the course.

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 selected from "Primary Program."

Topics to be discussed include:

- Historical perspectives in ECE
 - Pestalozzi to Piaget
- Planning strategies for the ECE curriculum
- Development of 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

Annotated bibliography and presentation	40%
Weekly discussion papers	30%
Design project and presentation	30%

REQUIRED TEXT

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

Other readings on specific topics will be made available at cost as the course progresses