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WACO, TEXAS

**COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

EDUCATING YOUNG CHILDREN

TECA_1311_O080

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NOTE: This is an Online, 16-week course.

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Course Description:

An introduction to the education of the young child, birth through age 12, including developmentally appropriate practices and programs, theoretical and historical perspectives, ethical and professional responsibilities and current issues. All Child Development (CDEC or TECA) courses must be passed with a grade of C or better for graduation. 25% of the requirements must be completed at McLennan.

2.000 Minimum GPA required for graduation. Semester Hours 3 (3 lecture/16 lab)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

No prerequisites.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

TECA 1311 is currently offered in the spring and fall semesters, and some summer sessions. The lab component is an important aspect of the course and will involve the student doing lab assignments at the MCC Child Studies Lab School/a preapproved apprenticeship site and in an elementary school. In order to receive credit for this class, all lab assignments must be completed and turned in for grading through Brightspace.

Please check email and Brightspace daily. I will use these methods to communicate with you often. Please sign up for MyAlert (information on MCC main page). The college uses this system to communicate important information to students.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Daelynn Copeland, PhD

MCC Email: dcopeland@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: (254) 299-8786

Office Location: CSC Building, Child Development Center

Office Hours: T - TH 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (via Zoom); other times available with appointment

Zoom meeting ID#: 254 299 8786 *You will use this number every time you enter our virtual Zoom conferencing room.*

Contacting the Professor:

The best way to reach me is by using your MCC student email address to email me. I teach face-to-face classes in addition to my online classes, and am often involved in campus and community meetings. I am rarely sitting at my desk when a student calls. Emailing me from your MCC student email address ensures that your email doesn't go to the spam filter or junk email box. Monday – Friday, I typically return emails within 24 hours. I reserve evenings and weekends for my family, and do not always check email on Saturday or Sunday. If you email me

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over the weekend or on a day when the college is closed, you may not receive a response until Monday/the next business day that the college is open.

Please do not wait until hours before an assignment is due to email questions it. I may not be able to respond quickly enough to answer your question before the deadline.

Criminal Record Check: A criminal background check will be done during advising or during the first week of class. If the check reveals a conviction in your name, you may be dropped from class. Persons who have convictions must not work in a school/child-care facility.

Required Text & Materials:

Title: *Who Am I in the Lives of Children*

Author: S. Feeney, D. Christensen and E. Moravcik, Sherry Notte

Edition: 11th edition

Publisher: Pearson

ISBN: #978-0-13-473724

Supplementary Readings: Readings beyond the required texts will be assigned throughout the semester and will include instructor handouts and library sources/references to be located by the student.

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

The content and information for this class will be presented online and may include video lectures, carefully curated media clips, power point presentations, written class discussions via online Discussion Boards, individual assignments and group work.

It is the student's responsibility to read the required chapters and articles for each unit. The lab component is a **required** and important aspect of this course. This will involve students completing face-to-face lab hours. These lab hours may include observations, watching digital media, reflection assignments, case studies, and discussion boards.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss contributions of historical and contemporary professionals and theorists to the field of early childhood education.

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2. Understand strategies for creating an organized and productive developmentally appropriate learning environment.
 - a. Define developmentally appropriate practice and discuss how knowledge of child growth and development impacts developmentally appropriate practices.
 - b. Analyze the effects of classroom routines and procedures on student learning, and knows how to establish and implement routines and procedures to promote an organized and productive learning environment.
 - c. Demonstrates an understanding of how young children function in groups and designs group activities that reflect a realistic understanding of the extent of young children's ability to collaborate with others.
 - d. Recognizes the importance of creating a schedule for young children that balances restful and active movement activities and that provides large blocks of time for play, projects and learning centers.
 - e. Knows the stages of play development (from solitary to cooperative) and the important role of play i.e. young children's learning and development).
 - f. Compare a developmentally appropriate classroom with one which is not developmentally appropriate in relation to child-staff ratio, group size and teacher qualifications and training.
3. Describe and compare types of early childhood programs.
4. Enhances professional knowledge and skills by effectively interacting with other members of the educational community and participating in various types of professional activities.
 - a. Explain characteristics and developmental stages of an early childhood professional.
 - b. List characteristics of an early childhood professional.
 - c. Discuss career opportunities for the early childhood professional.
 - d. Understands and uses professional development resources (e.g. Mentors, and other support systems, conferences, online resources, workshops, journals, professional associations, coursework) to enhance knowledge pedagogical skills, and technological expertise.
 - e. Engages in reflection and self-assessment to identify strengths, challenges, and potential problems; improve teaching performance; and achieve professional goals.
5. Understands the process of referral.
 - a. Discuss the referral process including observation and assessment.
 - b. Identify school and community resources early childhood professionals would access when making a referral.
6. Understands and adheres to legal and ethical requirements for educators and is knowledgeable of the structure of education in Texas.
 - a. Describe the profession's code of ethical conduct and its application in everyday practice.

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- b. Applies knowledge of ethical guidelines for educators in Texas (e.g. Those related to confidentiality, interactions with students and others in the school and community), including policies and procedure described in the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators.
 - c. Knows legal requirements for educators (e.g. those related to special education, students' and families' right, student discipline, equity, and child abuse) and adheres to legal guidelines in education-related situations.
- 7. Identify current trends and issues in the early childhood profession.
 - 8. Participate and observe in 16 hours of field experiences in: programs serving children, birth through 12 years, with varying curricula models; and 1 professional experience.

Course Attendance/Participation Guidelines:

If a student is not in attendance in accordance with the policies/guidelines of the class as outlined in the course syllabus as of the course census date, faculty are required to drop students from their class roster prior to certifying the respective class roster. A student's financial aid will be re-evaluated accordingly and the student will only receive funding for those courses attended as of the course census date.

Discussion Board posts on Brightspace will be used to take attendance for online classes. Therefore, it is very important that you complete Discussion Boards on time and thoroughly. Students who do not participate in the weekly Discussion Board will be counted absent for the weekly attendance. If a student has been absent for a cumulative 25% of the course, they will be dropped from the course.

Specific Information about Discussion Board Grading

Students are required to submit 1 original post and respond to 2 classmates in the Discussion Board topic in order to receive full credit for the post. These posts should be respectful and appropriately address the topic of the prompt. Please pay attention to normal conventions of writing – use capitalization, punctuation and spelling so your thoughts are clear to the professor and your classmates.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

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Course Outline or Schedule:

The course is arranged in learning units. The following is a TENTATIVE schedule of these chapters and the primary topic for each. Circumstances may cause the schedule to be changed. If changes are necessary, they will be announced in Brightspace.

| Module | Topics | Assignments Due |
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| Module 1 Due Sunday, 9/3/2023 | Module 1. Intro to the course. The Teacher The Field of Early Childhood Education | Read Chapters 1 and 2 Quiz 1 Discussion Board 1 Reflection Paper #1 |
| Module 2 Due Sunday, 9/17/2023 | Module 2 The History of Education Observation and Assessment | Read Chapters 3 & 5 Quiz 2 Discussion Board 2 Lab 1 |
| Module 3 Due Sunday, 10/8/2023 | Module 3 Child Development Guidance/Relationships Health/Safety | Read Chapters 4, 6 & 7 Quiz 3 Discussion Board 3 Journal Article Review Lab 2 |
| Module 4 Due Sunday, 11/5/2023 | Module 4 The Learning Environment Understanding and Supporting Play Curriculum and Curriculum Planning | Read Chapters 8, 9, 10 & 11 Quiz 4 Discussion Board 4 Lab 3 Lab 4 |
| Module 5 Due Sunday, 11/26/2023 | Module 5 Relationships with Families Including All Children Professionalism | Read Chapters 12, 13 & 14 Quiz 5 Discussion Board 5 Reflection Paper #2 Lab 5 |
| Module 6 Due Sunday, 12/3/2023 | Module 6 Final Project | Final Project Due 12/3/23 by 11:59 pm |

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Course Grading Information:

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| Module Quizzes | 25% |
| Lab / Lab Assignments | 25% |
| Reflection Papers | 20% |
| Journal Article Review | 10% |
| Final Project | 10% |
| Class Participation | 10% |

Grading Scale:

90 - 100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
60 - 69 = D
Below 60 = F

A minimum final grade of C is required in all CDEC/TECA classes for graduation.

W Withdrew - this grade is given for an instructor or student-initiated course withdrawal through the 12th week of a semester (fourth week, Summer day term; sixth week, Summer nine-week term). After the 12th week or until the end of the semester (fourth week, Summer day term; sixth week, Summer nine-week term), if a student withdraws from a course the instructor will either assign a W if passing work was being accomplished or an F if the student was doing failing work.

I Incomplete - is given when a course is incomplete because of a student's absence caused by reasons acceptable to the instructor. **To be eligible, the student must have essentially completed the course.** If work is not made up within the following long semester, the "I" will be changed to an "F" and the course must be repeated if credit is to be given.

Information About Specific Assignment Categories

Quizzes will include objective questions and discussion questions. There will be a quiz at the end of every module and a final exam. Each quiz will cover any material presented in class or assigned resource material. The final exam will cover material covered throughout the course.

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Journal Article Review: Illustrating class concepts through summaries of article(s) from child development/education journals. See individual assignment.

Reflection Assignments: Written reflections on assigned concepts. See individual assignments in associated modules. The responses should generally be -2 pages.

Discussion Boards: Participation in Discussion Boards. Initial posts and responses will be evaluated. See Discussion Board expectations in course.

Lab Assignments: Five written lab assignments. See individual assignments.

Class Participation/Attendance: Weekly attendance will be based on timely submission of reflection papers and quizzes, participation in discussion boards, logging into class and time spent actively engaging in lecture and other videos.

Zoom Meetings: Zoom meetings may be utilized during the course for discussion and consultation with the professor. Times/dates by appointment only.

Laboratory Experience: A total of 16 hours must be logged for this class. A grade for the class will not be given until this lab requirement is completed.

A total of 10 hours must be completed at the MCC Child Development Center. The remaining 6 hours must be completed at an elementary school that you will be assigned to.

*Refer to the Lab School Guidelines for lab school hours and other important lab information. There will be 5 graded lab assignments (see individual lab assignments).

Most lab assignments require hands-on participation. The assignment can vary depending on the course. Students who register for class should be prepared to interact with children ages 3 months through 5 years.

Some possible expectations are:

- ✓ Sitting on the floor
- ✓ Talking and singing to children
- ✓ Reading books
- ✓ Comforting children
- ✓ Using messy and creative materials (paint, play dough, goop, water, sand, etc...)
- ✓ Talking to children at eye level

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- ✓ Light lifting of materials and equipment
- ✓ Implementing the lab assignment in the classroom or outside
- ✓ Interaction with children on the playgrounds – moving quickly if needed, assisting children with sand, water, paint, bubbles, etc...
- ✓ Sitting and eating with children during snack and mealtime

Choosing the right class when you log in on the Child Studies Lab School computer is important. If you discover you have made a mistake in choosing a class, let the school secretary know immediately. Lab hours/minutes will not be transferable from class to class.

♦ Lab hours may NOT be done during the first week of the semester or during the week of final exams.

*In order to receive credit for this class
all lab hours and lab assignments must be completed.*

When doing lab hours at elementary school

The student in Child Studies and Education is expected to exhibit mature and responsible actions in all activities. This includes activities/lab hours at off campus sites. The following is expected:

- Arrive and depart at times arranged. Sign in and out as instructed.
- Follow appropriate dress code.
- Turn your **cell phone off and put it away.**
- Use appropriate and respectful language and behavior with adults and children.
- Remain attentive and interact with children as instructed by supervisors at the offsite location (teachers, staff, and/or administrators).
- Follow **all** instructions from supervisors at the offsite location (teachers, staff, and/or administrators)
- Use courteous manners at all times including greeting people and thanking them when you complete your lab hours.
- Let classroom teacher or appropriate staff know when you are leaving the classroom.

Consequences for not meeting these expectations can include loss of points for the assignment and/or the ability to complete the lab hours. If lab hours cannot be completed because the above expectations are not met, or other reasons, you could be counseled out of the Child Development Program.

More specific information will be provided/discussed in class, including the code of ethical conduct.

Late Work and Make Up Work Policies:

Late work is typically not accepted. However, I am not unreasonable. Under certain, documented circumstances (example: documented serious illness/injury of self or immediate relative), I will consider accepting late work. Late work may have up to a 20 point penalty applied to the grade.

Communication is very important – if you are experiencing extenuating circumstances, please reach out to me so we can develop a plan for you to be successful in spite of your circumstances.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

In both the face-to-face and online environments, students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity.

While honest discussion and debate of topics is expected and encouraged, such interactions should not involve aggressive, derogatory, or involve hostile behaviors (verbal or otherwise). The instructor reserves the right to act to protect the decorum of the learning environment and the image of MCC.

If you are using Zoom to meet with the professor and/or other students, please ensure that you are dressed appropriately and are in a location where you can focus on your responsibilities as a student. Example: it is not appropriate to attend a Zoom class while laying in bed and/or half dressed. Please be respectful of others and mute yourself if background noise will be a problem.

This course is part of a curriculum that prepares professionals in the education and social service fields. It is expected that students will conduct themselves with a level of professionalism that represents their commitment to these fields of service. This includes adhering to dress and personal hygiene standards as are acceptable within these fields. This also includes maintaining professional standards of verbal and written communication. We are training you to become professionals and leaders within the community – we expect you to act accordingly.

Ethics

Cheating will not be tolerated. Any student found cheating will be subject to grade reduction, receiving a zero on assignments that involve cheating/plagiarism, and/or dismissal from the course.

Examples of cheating include but are not limited to:

- Copying the work of another student
- Seeking excused absences/tardiness under false pretenses

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- Plagiarism (claiming as your own work the work of another)

This course will teach you to think critically. Critical thinking is essential for an educator or social service professional. Please maintain your integrity and do your own work – there is no reason to cheat in this, or any other course.

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu 2542998122 Room
319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the acting Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Accommodations/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a

confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>. Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom or email (ast@mclennan.edu) by going to our website (<https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-support-and-tutoring/>).

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing crew@mclennan.edu or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Both are located in the Completion Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07byXd7eB8iTqJg. Both the Completion Center and Paulanne's Pantry are located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to

<https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html>

to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at

https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) for classwork can be a violation of the College's General Conduct Policy. Whether AI is authorized in a course and the parameters in which AI can be used in a course will be outlined by each instructor.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teachingandlearning/FacultyandStaffCommons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are

expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/studentemail.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.