Syllabus

Department of Special Education
College of Education, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Preparing professionals for changing educational contexts

I. Course Prefix & Number: ESP 771 1001
II. Course Title: Perspectives on Early Childhood Special Education

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III. Course Credit Hours: 3 hours

IV. Semester: Fall 2017

V. Instructor: Dr. John Filler

VI. Office Location: CEB 154
Class Location: CEB 133

VII. Office Hours: Monday 2 – 4pm
(Others by appointment)

VIII. Telephone: 895-1105 (Voice Mail);
jfiller@unlv.nevada.edu

IX. Prerequisite Course(s): None

X. Course Description:

Perspectives of national, state, and local programs in special education for young children with disabilities. Reviews variables related to: program development, classroom management, parent involvement, legislation and funding, disability condition, identification, screening and assessment, learning and developmental problems, research, typical child development and developmental deviations.

InTASC Standards Addressed:

- Standard 1.0 Learner Development
- Standard 2.0 Learning Differences
- Standard 3.0 Learning Environments
- Standard 4.0 Content Knowledge
- Standard 5.0 Application of Content
- Standard 6.0 Assessment
- Standard 7.0 Planning for Instruction
- Standard 8.0 Instructional Strategies
- Standard 9.0 Professional Learning and Ethical Practice
- Standard 10.0 Leadership and Collaboration

DEC (CEC) Standards Addressed:

- Standard 1.0 Foundations
- Standard 2.0 Development and Characteristics of Learners
- Standard 3.0 Individual Learning Differences
- Standard 5.0 Learning Environments and Social Interactions
- Standard 4.0 Instructional Strategies
- Standard 6.0 Language
- Standard 7.0 Instructional Planning
NAEYC Standards Addressed:

- Standard 1: Promoting Child Development and Learning
- Standard 2: Building Family and Community Relationships
- Standard 3: Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families
- Standard 4: Teaching and Learning
- Standard 5: Growing as a Professional

XI. Course Objectives: (InTASC; ICC= Common Core CEC; ECSE= CEC Early Childhood Special Ed; NAEYC= NAEYC)

Knowledge:
(Subject matter or discipline(s), Professional field of study, Pedagogical knowledge, Pedagogical content knowledge, Professional knowledge):

1. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of the history of services to young children with disabilities. InTASC4(j), InTASC5(p), InTASC9(i), InTASC10(l), ICC1K1, ICC1K8, ICC1K2, ECSE1K1, ECSE1K2
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

2. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of federal and state legislation applicable to the provision of educational and related services to young children with disabilities. InTASC5(p), InTASC9(j), ICC1K2, ICC1K3, CC1K4, ICC1K5, ICC1K6, ICC8K2, ECSE1K2
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

3. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of the general principles of child development including scope, skill inter-relationship, skill sequence and typical vs. atypical differences. InTASC1(d), InTASC1(e), InTASC1(f), InTASC1(h), InTASC2(g), InTASC7(i), ICC2K2, ICC2K3, NAEYC1a
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

4. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of and ability to recognize health and safety issues and possible medical management issues that may arise. InTASC3(m), ICC2K3, ECSE2K5, ECSE9S1
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

5. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of ethical and policy issues related to early childhood special education as they relate to their personal philosophy of special education. InTASC5(k), InTASC9(k), ICC1S1, ICC5K4, ICC6K2, ICC9K2
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

6. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of the characteristics of the eligible population of young children with disabilities as well as those factors that lead to a judgment of eligibility. InTASC2(h), InTASC8(j), ICC2K6, ICC8K1, ECSE2K2, ICC3K1, NAEYC1a
7. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of the content of the IEP and IFSP and demonstrate the ability to form goals and objectives that are structurally sound and able to be assessed and implemented in inclusive settings. InTASC3(n), InTASC4(l), InTASC6(r)ICC1K2, ECSE3K1, NAEYC3a

8. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of antecedent and consequent strategies for teaching young children including strategies for managing disruptive and/or aggressive behavior. ICC1K2, ICC5K3, NAEYC3a

9. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of typical inclusive curricular models for young children (e.g., IDAP, Functional etc.). InTASC2(j), InTASC9(g), ECSE2K1, ECSE7K1

10. Each student will demonstrate a general knowledge of the relevance of activity-based instruction for the infusion of IEP and IFSP objectives into general preschool/kindergarten curricula. ECSE1K2

11. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of strategies for including young children with severe multiple disabilities in the general preschool/kindergarten program. InTASC5(1), ICC5K1

12. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of the roles that families may play as members of the intervention team as well as the concerns they may express relevant to inclusion. InTASC10(m), ICC1K7, ICC2K4, ICC6K3, ECSE3K2, NAEYC1b, NAEYC2a, NAEYC2b

13. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of the differences which exist among interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary models for the delivery of InTASC5(k)related services. InTASC3(r), InTASC5(i), InTASC7(h), ICC7K5, ECSE10S3, NAEYC2b, NAEYC4a

14. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of issues in early childhood special education unique to specific cultural backgrounds and inner city versus rural geographical settings (e.g. home based versus center based services). InTASC9(j), InTASC10(o), ICC1K5, ICC1K8, ECSE3K2, ICC6K1, ICC6K3

15. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of the essential components for successful team planning to support young children with severe disabilities in inclusive settings. ICC10K1, ECSE10K1
Performances (Skills):
(The ability to use content, professional and pedagogical knowledge effectively and readily in diverse teaching settings in a manner that ensures that all students are learning.)

1. Each student will develop goals, objectives and benchmarks that are structurally sound and able to be implemented in inclusive settings. ICC7S6, ICC7S7, NAEYC4d  
   Measurement/Evaluation: Assignments, Exams, and Paper

2. Each student will develop task analyses of skills typically targeted for instruction in inclusive early childhood settings in at least two different curricular domains. ICC7S8  
   Measurement/Evaluation: Assignments and Exams

3. Each student will develop a written rationale including justification, explication of benefits and possible challenges and strategies for successful intervention with young students with disabilities in typical early childhood care and education centers. InTASC9(b), InTASC9(e), InTASC10(d), InTASC10(h), ECSE5S, ECSE9S6  
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

4. Each student will explain the fundamentals of instructional strategy as related to teaching in inclusive environments. InTASC3(f), InTASC10(d), ICC4S1, ICC4S4  
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

Disposition(s):
(Values, commitments, and professional ethics that influence behaviors toward students, families, colleagues, and communities and affect student learning, motivation, and development as well as the educator’s own professional growth—guided by beliefs and attitudes related to values such as caring, fairness, honesty, responsibility and social justice.)

1. Demonstrate awareness of and commitment to the CEC Code of Ethics and generally accepted standards for professional development. InTASC1(j), InTASC2(l), InTASC4(k), InTASC5(q), InTASC5(r), InTASC6(r), InTASC9(l), InTASC9(n), InTASC9(o), ICC9K1, ICC9K2, ICC9K3, ICC9K4, ICC9S1, ECSE9K1, NAEYC5a  
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

2. Demonstrate knowledge of ethical and policy issues related to early childhood special education. InTASC2(m), InTASC3(o), INTASC4(p), INTASC4(q), InTASC7(q), ICC9K1, ICC9K2, CC9K3, ICC9K4, ECSE9K1  
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper

3. Demonstrate the ability to explain the values represented in both law and educational practice relative to inclusive individually and developmentally appropriate practices. InTASC1(h), InTASC1(i), InTASC1(j), InTASC1(k), INTASC4(q), INTASC5(s), InTASC7(n), InTASC7(p), InTASC10(s), InTASC10(t), ICC1K2, ECSE1K1, NAEYC1c  
   Measurement/Evaluation: Exams and Paper
Results:
(The ways students demonstrate what they know and how they are able to put skills in to practice to make a difference in child learning).

Upon completion of this course students will be demonstrate the ability to explain the values represented in both law and educational practice relative to inclusive individually and developmentally appropriate practices and do so in manner that reflects principles of child development, ethical practice and an introductory understanding of the basics of curricular design, assessment, family participation and instructional strategy.

XII. Texts, readings, and instructional resources:

Required Text(s):


Optional Text(s):


Current and Classical Reference(s):


National Association for the Education of Young Children. (1986). Position statement on developmentally appropriate practice in early childhood programs serving young children from birth through age 8. *Young Children, 41*(6), 4-19.


Students may consult with a librarian on research needs. For this class the Subject Librarian for Education is Smantha Godbey (https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians_by_subject). UNLV Libraries provides resources to support students’ access to information. Discovery, access, and use of information are vital skills for academic work and for successful post-college life. Access library resources and ask questions at https://www.library.unlv.edu/

Internet Resources:

The Division for Early Childhood (CEC):
http://www.dec-sped.org/

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System:
http://www.nectas.unc.edu/

National Association for the Education of Young Children
http://www.naeyc.org/

XIII. Course Requirements and grading policy:

Course Requirements:

1. Examinations:

Two tests are required. One will be given mid-term and the other at the end of the class. Each will be taken in class and consist of 10 to 15 short-answer questions which cover material presented in class and in the assigned readings.

2. Position Paper:

You will provide a reasoned and referenced discussion of, first, why it is so important to use an inclusive approach to early childhood education and, second, what challenges face us as we implement inclusive programs for children with and without disabilities. Finally, your paper will address how we might deal with any challenges that might arise. Feel free to include discussion of the relationship between inclusive programming and developmentally appropriate programming. Your position paper is due at the beginning of class on Monday, Dec 4.

3. Attendance:

Consistent attendance in class is expected, that is, your grade will not be positively affected by attendance; however, absences that are not excused will result in up to 10 points being deducted from your final grade. If you are more than 30 minutes late for class, you will be considered to be absent. If there is a compelling reason for you to be
absent have a discussion with the professor regarding how you intend to keep up with the material presented in class.

Grading Policy:

Final grade for this class will be determined by computation of the simple arithmetic average of scores obtained on the two non-comprehensive 10-15 question short answer tests and the position paper. Each test is worth 100 points and the position paper is also worth 100 points (300 total). The final grade will be the simple average of the two non-comprehensive exams and the position paper, each counting 1/3 of the final grade. The following scale will be used to determine the course grade:

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NOTE: STUDENTS TAKING THIS CLASS AS PART OF A DOCTORAL PROGRAM OF STUDIES MAY HAVE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED. IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE INSTRUCTOR, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO DISCUSS WHAT THOSE REQUIREMENTS WILL INVOLVE.

XIV. Course Outline and Schedule

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<td>III. History of Services IV. IFSP &amp; IEP (Allen &amp; Cowdery, Chapter 1 &amp; 2)</td>
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<td>V. Typical / Atypical Development VI. Causes Atypical Development</td>
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VII. Annual Goals & Related Objectives / Writing Objectives
(Allen & Cowdery, Chapters )

VIII. Task Analysis
IX. A-R-C & Antecedent Events
(Allen & Cowdery, Chapter 12 & 13)

IX. Antecedent Events (continued)
X. Proximal Consequent Events
XI. DAP and Functional Skills
(Allen & Cowdery, Chapter 14 & 15)

XI. DAP and Functional Skills
XII. Activity-Based ECE
(Allen & Cowdery, Chapter 14 & 15)

MIDTERM EXAM

XIII. Infusing IEP/IFSP Objectives
(Allen & Cowdery, Chapter 3)

XIV. Strats. For Inclusion

XV. Teaching Lang. & Comm. Skills
(Allen & Cowdery, Chapter 16)

XVI. Models for Related Services

XVII. Parent/Family Involvement
(Allen & Cowdery, Chapter 9)

XVIII. Cultural Diversity in ECSE

XIX. ECSE & Outcomes: The Future
REVIEW FOR EXAM
Position Paper Due

FINAL EXAM
*Exams must be taken on the date indicated at the time of the regularly scheduled class and the Position Paper must be turned in no later than the beginning of class Dec 4. Failure to do so, without an acceptable excuse approved by the instructor, will result in 0 points without exception.

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• Consistent correct use of correct APA style (6th Ed.)  
• Correct spelling & grammar  
• Cited all references in text & in reference section correctly  
• Covered the required components | • Contained at least 10 references  
• Used a variety of references  
• Presented original perspective concerning topic & subtopics  
• Current Information & citations  
• Summary and conclusions clearly stated |
| | 45-50 points | 45-50 points |
| **ACCEPTABLE** | • Frequent to occasional lapses in organization  
• APA style with minor discrepancies  
• One or two spelling or grammar errors  
• Not all references cited in text & in references correctly  
• Covered the required components | • Did not contain 10 references  
• More than 3 references came from the Internet  
• Variety of references not well represented  
• Information presented was only partially representative of new & current information  
• Summary/conclusions clearly presented |
| | 35-44 points | 35-44 points |
| **UNACCEPTABLE** | • Disorganized & difficult to follow  
• Minimal use of APA style with major discrepancies  
• Many spelling or grammar errors  
• References in text & reference list not cited correctly  
• Did not contain the required topics | • Did not contain 10 references  
• More than 3 references were from the Internet  
• Poor variety of references  
• Information not current  
• Summary/conclusions not clearly presented |
| | < 35 points | < 35 points |