Course calendar for your specific course will be made available on or before the first day of class.

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Instructor: Instructor will be assigned by the beginning of the semester and students will be notified by email and/or within the Blackboard announcements. If you have not been notified of the instructor, the instructor will remain the department chair indicated above.

Course Description:
A study of appropriate infant and toddler programs (birth to age 3), including an overview of development, quality care giving routines, appropriate environments, materials and activities, and teaching/guidance techniques.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Summarize prenatal development and the birth process
2. Discuss theories of development as they apply to infants and toddlers
3. Outline growth and development of children from birth to age 3
4. Analyze components of quality infant/toddler care giving and elements of appropriate indoor and outdoor environments
5. Identify developmentally appropriate materials and activities and use developmentally appropriate teaching/guidance techniques

Textbooks
Evaluation Procedures

Course Assignments/Projects.................................................................60%

The course assignments are divided into three modules with specific due dates for each module. The assignments are based on the required textbook. The required readings which correlate with the specific assignments are identified within each module. In general, assignments may involve going to various educational facilities to observe, interview, and/or conduct classroom activities. The individual educational facility will notify students if a criminal background is required to conduct interviews, observations, or classroom activities.

The course may require a project directly related to the course content.

Students are required to read the entire assigned textbook(s).

Final Exam..............................................................................................20%

The final exam is an open book exam and is based on the required textbook. Although the final exam is untimed, there is a deadline date for completing the exam.

Discussion Board/Class Participation..................................................20%

Students are required to participate in the discussion board questions directly related to the course content. A minimum of 3 detailed posting on three different dates are required for each discussion question. Weekly postings will help meet this requirement. In addition, students are required to reference the textbook and/or related articles in each posting. A different reference source must be used for each posting. The purpose of the discussion board is to development professional opinions supported by reference source(s). If you are taking this class as lecture-based, the class participation and attendance will take place for the discussion board.

Incomplete grades ("I") will not be given. Your work will be graded based on what has been turned in by the due dates. Requests for extensions must be made to the instructor prior to the due date and will only be considered for
officially documented extenuating circumstances (death, hospitalization, etc). Official documentation might include admission/discharge paperwork from a hospital stay, program from a funeral out of town, or a physicians statement concerning a condition that would have prevented you from completing/submitting your work on time. Failure to get pre-approval for an extension will result in reducing late work grades one letter grade for each day late. Each pre-approved assignment that you submit late must have attached a copy of the official documentation for the extenuating circumstance.  

late assignments will not be accepted at the final submission date at the end of the semester.

Criminal Backgrounds

Please be advised that there are certain felony convictions in the Texas Penal Code that prohibit individuals from pursuing careers working with children and being present in a school or child care center. These include but are not limited to:

- Offenses against a person or family also including robbery and stalking
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse also including criminal solicitation of a minor, failure to stop or report aggravated sexual assault of a child, and public indecency
- Emotional Abuse
- Neglect

If you think you might have a felony conviction that might place you at risk and are seeking one of the careers working with children or are enrolled in a Child Development/Early Childhood Education or Teacher Education course beginning with CDEC, TECA, or EDUC (not including EDUC 1300), you should make an appointment immediately with Nancy Beaver or Susan Wyatt (advisors for these programs) to discuss alternative careers and steps to drop the class. Call 972-860-7195 to schedule the appointment.