

COURSE OUTLINE
EDUC-150
Practicum in Early Childhood Education
4 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

This course is designed to teach the student how to implement and evaluate a quality child care program. Students are assigned to one child care setting where they will spend 9 hours per week. Students meet at the college every other week for two hours to discuss lecture topics and classroom experience. Prerequisites: EDUC-111, EDUC-112. (1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab)

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. Organize and manage a developmentally appropriate classroom for young children.
2. Plan and implement developmentally appropriate lessons in a variety of curriculum areas.
3. Plan and facilitate one 8 hour day to assist the supervising teacher in all activities.
4. Write and carry out procedures for 5 daily classroom routines.
5. Choose and make /provide appropriate and inexpensive play / learning materials for 5 areas of the classroom
6. Work with staff to maintain high standards for the classroom and individual children.
7. Develop one tool for parent communication.
8. Individualize activities for children in the classroom.
9. Understand and discuss developmental issues affecting children's behavior and performance in the classroom.
10. Function in a professional manner with young children and child care center staff.

Major Topics

- I. Orientation to the Practicum Experience
- II. Organizing and Managing the Classroom
- III. Writing and Implementing Lesson Plans
- IV. Communication
- V. Routines and Transitions
- VI. Individualizing Activities
- VII. Professional Development

Course Requirements

Grading: Grading Procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- 108 Hours in the Practicum Setting
- Demonstration and Evaluation of 5 Lessons
- Practicum Log
- Teaching Materials
- Curriculum Files
- Semester Project
- One 8-hour Day as Senior Staff
- Community Participation Project

Other Course Information

Meets college definition for: Arts and Sciences Elective

This course is required for the Certificate of Proficiency and AAS Degree in Early Childhood Development.