ECED& 120 Practicum – Nurturing Relationships (2 Credits)

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Course Topics:
- Orientation to Practicum
- Code of Ethics
- Professionalism
- Minimum Licensing Requirements for Child Care Centers/Family Care
- Observation

Course Description:
In an early learning setting apply best practice for engaging in nurturing relationships with children. Focus on keeping children healthy and safe while promoting growth and development.

Textbook and Resources:
All materials will be available on Canvas.

Requirements:
Students must complete a Washington State Patrol background check to work with young children.

Students will access the classroom through Canvas:
http://canvas.wwcc.edu/

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If you have a disability and need accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of Disability Services at (509) 527-4543.
Course Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate appropriate practices that ensure and maintain the health, safety, and nutrition of children.

2. Establish supportive relationships with children; guide them as individuals and as part of a group.

3. Serve children and families in a professional manner.

4. Demonstrate cultural competence and responsiveness within and across cultures; creating an inclusive, welcoming, and respectful environment where all children, youth, and families can take pride in their cultural identities, beliefs, and practices.

Link to Washington State Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals
http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/partnerships/docs/CoreCompetencies.pdf

Link to Washington State Core Competencies for Child and Youth Development Professionals
http://www.schoolsoutwashington.org/documents/CoreCompetenciesSchool_FINAL.pdf

Early Childhood Education Program Degree Level Outcomes:

- Demonstrate competency in assisting in instruction of students in early learning settings to include cognitive, physical and social emotional development of the child.
- Plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum in the early learning setting.
- Demonstrate appropriate professional and ethical behavior in early learning settings.
- Demonstrate knowledge of strategies to promote, facilitate and extend learning for all children.
- Understand child development and how to facilitate learning.
- Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively with adults and children.

Course Evaluation:

| Initial Paperwork: WSP background check Professionalism Form Placement Acceptance Release Form | Required prior to beginning volunteer hours. Should be turned in the first week of the quarter. |
| Reflective Journals | At least 5 required to pass. You must participate on the board the week it is assigned to receive credit. |
| Site Supervisor Evaluation Documentation of Hours | Required to pass. Should be turned in the last week of the quarter. |
Course Policies, Procedures and Expectations:

ATTENDANCE:

Students must complete 40 hours of volunteer classroom placement throughout the quarter and participate in on-line discussions to receive 2 credits. Classroom placement hours must be completed to pass the class.

Students are expected to be working in placement by week two of the quarter. Contact course instructor if you have difficulty accessing placement for work hours. You may not begin to volunteer in your placement until all initial paperwork has been submitted.

HOMEWORK:

Students will complete reflective journals in Canvas and document hours spent in classroom.

GRADING:

This course is Pass/Fail. If you are removed from your classroom placement this will automatically result in a failing grade for the quarter. No change in your classroom placement is allowed.

OTHER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION:

Students are responsible to arrange volunteer classroom placement experience. If students are currently working in appropriate education or childcare setting, that setting may be utilized as classroom placement setting.

- Students will adhere to the course Professionalism Agreement while volunteering in classroom placement.
- All cell phones & communication devices will be turned off.
- All students will respect the opinions of others.
- All dialogue will be conducted in an orderly fashion.
- All students will contribute to a supportive learning environment.
- The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus during the course of the quarter.