

Washburn University
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The primary focus of this course is on the development of methods and materials that support the emotional, social and intellectual needs of preschoolers. Prerequisites: ED 160, 200, 243/343, and 245/345. Concurrent enrollment: ED 267/367 and ED 269/369.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVERSITY PROFICIENCIES AND DIMENSIONS OF REFLECTION

The Department of Education has a goal to educate Reflective Educators. The five dimensions are addressed as follows:

1. **Reflection on self as an emerging, developing, and maturing professional**-class discussions, activities, and assignments allow students to explore and challenge beliefs about the teaching of preschoolers in today's classrooms.
2. **Reflection on the context of teaching and learning**-lesson plan assignments and discussions allow students to observe and reflect on various approaches to teaching that support learning with preschoolers.
3. **Reflection on student differences**-lesson plan assignments and discussions focus on diversity as it relates to learning abilities, gender issues, developmental levels, and cultural and social characteristics with preschoolers.

4. **Reflection on methods and materials**-discussions, textbook readings, and Mini-Curriculum Unit and Mini-Curriculum Activity Box planning allow students to compare and critique various methods and materials which are appropriate for preschoolers.

5. **Reflection on content**-the Traveling Kit for the Gage Park Zoo assignment and activities require students to develop deep conceptual understanding of content so that they can successfully explain this same content to future students.

This course addresses the following Department of Education Diversity Proficiencies:

1. **Knowledge Construction**-Mini-Curriculum Unit and Mini-Curriculum Activity Box assignments, and discussions about how cultural assumptions influence the ways that knowledge is constructed with preschoolers.

2. **Prejudice Reduction**-lesson plan writing, demonstration of lesson plans to the class, Traveling Kit for the Gage Park Zoo assignment, and discussions focusing on learning to modify offensive racial attitudes through education.

PHILOSOPHY

Teachers must be critical consumers of the literature, knowledgeable about their content and ethical decision makers. In order to respond appropriately in all professional settings, teachers must also be reflective practitioners as described in the Washburn Reflective Teacher Model.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, you will be able to know and understand the following, according to the 2002 Kansas State Department of Education Teacher Education Licensing Standards:

Performance

3.2 The teacher applies developmentally appropriate and research-based practices when teaching infants and young children with a wide range of backgrounds, abilities, interests, and needs in diverse settings.

SELECT MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

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Phone: 785-670-1629 or TDD 785-670-1025
E-Mail: student-services@washburn.edu

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Jackman, H. 2005. 3rd Ed. Early education curriculum: A child's connection to the world. NY: Thompson Learning-Delmar.

TOPICS

History of Preschool and Kindergarten in Topeka, Kansas

Language in Preschool Education

Literacy in Preschool Education

Literature in Preschool Education

Math in Preschool Education

Science in Preschool Education

Social Studies in Preschool Education

Art in Preschool Education

Sensory Centers in Preschool Education

Music in Preschool Education

Movement in Preschool Education

Puppets in Preschool Education

Dramatic Play in Preschool Education

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Mini-Curriculum Unit (containing 24 lesson plans)

Mini-Curriculum Activity Box (containing a minimum of 15 teacher-made materials)

Traveling Kit for the Gage Park Zoo