

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECHE)

ECHE 5343. Curriculum Development-Early Childhood Education. 3 Hours.

Study is made of the scope and sequence of learning experiences for young children. Current research on early childhood curriculum development and model programs is examined. The professional standards and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten are presented.

ECHE 5349. Language and Literacy Development in the Young Child. 3 Hours.

A study is made of the current theories, research, and myths surrounding the development of language in the young child. Students will examine language programs and prepare appropriate language materials for preschool/primary children.

ECHE 5355. Current Practices in Early Childhood Settings. 3 Hours.

The course includes planning and developing research-based materials and thematic units for use with young children. An in-depth study of the project approach is presented.

ECHE 5363. Building Relationships with Diverse Families and Children. 3 Hours.

This course is an in-depth study of the relationship between families and schools in diverse communities. Topics addressed include discussions of major theories that support partnerships with parents; models for parent, school, and community partnerships; home, school, and community influences on children's lives; parenting styles; family dynamics; parent education strategies; communicating with parents; and the rights and responsibilities of parents, children, and teachers. Experiences with young children and their families will be required.

ECHE 5373. Theoretical Perspectives in Early Childhood Education. 3 Hours.

Study is made of the historical and philosophical roots of early childhood education from the middle ages to contemporary practice. An in-depth study of theorists, programs, and methods will be an integral part of the course.

ECHE 5375. Development Of The Young Child. 3 Hours.

An examination of theory and current research concerning the growth and development of the individual through the eighth year of life is made. The course relates theory and research to present concerns of individuals in the helping profession through the study of intellectual, psychological, and social interrelationships. Experiences in the procedures of child study is provided.

ECHE 6088. Special Topics in Early Childhood Education. 1-3 Hours.

The topic(s) included will vary with academic program and semester offered. Course Equivalents: ECHE 5388 .

ECHE 6089. Independent Study in Early Childhood Education. 1-3 Hours.

This is a course designed for independent study of selected topics under the supervision of a faculty member. Variable Credit (1-3).

Prerequisite: Consent of Department Chair.