



Parenting and Young Child 2014 -2015

Course Description:

What are you doing to get ready for parenthood, one of the most demanding jobs of your life? PARENTING AND YOUNG CHILD can prepare you for that all-important experience with your child. This course covers the development of children from conception to preschool age, and will show you what is involved in their care. Emphasis is also placed on effective parenting techniques. Students will have the opportunity to observe and participate with children. Ultimately this course will prepare you to be a better parent, by understanding the role of a parent, caregiver or early childhood teacher.

Course Content:

I. Preparing for Parenthood

- Financial
- Physical
- Psychological

II. Prenatal Development and birth

- How life begins
- Stages of prenatal development
- Stages of maternal development
- Teenage pregnancy
- Hereditary factors
- Birth defects
- Birth process

III. The Infant

- Characteristics
- Schedule
- Growth and development
- Physical care
- Prenatal adjustment

IV. The Preschool Child

- Physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth and development
- Stimulating environment for preschooler
- Childcare skills
- Careers in Early Childhood Development

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

No Textbook

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to complete all projects, tests and assignments. Participation in the various alternative assessments and lab experiences are an integral part of the course.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on the following weights:

Cumulative Assessments	30%
Project/Labs/Coursework	60%
Participation	10%

Each marking period is worth 40% of a students's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average.

Quarter 1	40%
Quarter 2	40%
Final Exam	20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

No required summer reading
