Early Childhood/Elementary/Middle Level Education Department ELE 4776 History and Philosophy of Early Childhood Fall 2013

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Unit Theme: Educators as Creators of Effective Educational Environments: Integrating diverse students, subjects, strategies, societies and technologies.

Catalog Description: The history and philosophy of early childhood education. Historical and contemporary models, social policy, and philosophical issues.

Prerequisites: Eight semester hours in education and psychology

Course Purpose: This course is intended to provide: 1) basic knowledge about the historical foundation of early childhood education (ECE); 2) a comprehensive overview of ECE approaches/ program philosophies; 3) an understanding of national values and social policies which are reflected in recent issues and trends in the field of ECE; and 4) to apply historical/ philosophical knowledge to personal views of learning and teaching.

Course Textbook:

Morrison, G. S. (2009). *Early childhood today*, (11th ed) Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Merrill Prentice Hall. **Supplemental Materials:** Additional materials will be made available through WebCT and EIU Library e-Reserve (password: sm4776) and class packet. You need to purchase the ELE 4776 Course Packet which includes notes and handouts. The packet is purchased at Panther Print and Copy Center in the Student Union.

Model of Teaching: The Information-Processing Models: Information-processing models emphasize ways of enhancing the human being's innate drive to make sense of the world by acquiring and organizing data, sensing problems and generating solutions to them, and developing concepts and language for conveying them. [Joyce, B., Weil, M., & Calhoun, E. (2009). *Models of teaching*. (8th ed.). Boston: Pearson.]

Dispositions: Teacher candidates in the department of EC/ELE/MLE will exhibit professional ethical practices, effective communication, and sensitivity to diversity, the ability to provide varied teaching practices evidenced in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere for learning.

Live Text Assessment Requirement: For those classes with Live Text or Practicum- If the portfolio or Live Text requirements are rated, by the instructor, to have been completed in less than a satisfactory manner then no more than a "D" may be earned in the class regardless of the number of points earned.

Teaching Standards Related to ELE 4776

Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS): http://www.isbe.net/profprep/standards.htm Illinois Core Technology Standards (ICTS): http://www.isbe.state.il/profprep/standards.htm Illinois Core language Arts Standards (ICLA):

http://www.isbe.net/profprep/CASCD/pdfs/24110 corelanguageartsstds.pdf

National Association of Education for Young Children Standards

(NAEYC):http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/next_era.asp

Outcomes Specific to this Course:

- Students will expand and reflect on their Letter of Intent to incorporate all the CEPS dispositional areas in a revised document
- Understand, develop, and articulate an individual philosophy of education.
- Analyze educational literature and practice with philosophical lens.
- Analyze contemporary educational approaches relative to philosophical method.
- Students will work collaboratively with peers to interpret and defend their views on learning and teaching.
- Students will work collaboratively with peers to interpret and defend teaching approaches.

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of historical backgrounds and philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches.
- Demonstrate knowledge of past and present developments (issues, research, and social influences) in the field of ECE.
- Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of children within a variety of family structures, parenting styles, and cultural perspectives.
- Model appropriate professional behavior- ethical, legal, social, and moral.

Course Requirements	Demonstrated Competencies	Aligned Standards
Participation	Performance includes attendance, participation and preparation for group and whole class discussions.	IPTS: 1, 9, 10, 11 ICTS:4, 5, 6, 7 ICLA: 2 NAEYC:5
		Dispositions: SDE, EC. IWS, PEP
Letter of Intent (Reflection)	Students will expand and reflect on their Letter of Intent to incorporate all the CEPS dispositional areas in a revised document Model appropriate professional behavior- ethical, legal, social, and moral.	IPTS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 ICTS: 1, 2, 3, 7, ICLA: 1, 2, NAEYC: 4, 5 Dispositions: SDE, EC, PEP, IWS, PTSL
Tests and Examinations	Tests and examinations are one form of assessments of students' content knowledge about philosophy and programs in early childhood education.	IPTS: 1, 2, 3, 8 ICTS: 7,8 ICLA: 2, NAEYC: 1, 3,4 Dispositions: EC
Critical Examination of an Issue in Early Childhood Education	Analyze educational literature and practice with philosophical lens. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of historical backgrounds and philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches. Demonstrate knowledge of past and present developments (issues, research, and social influences) in the field of ECE. Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of children within a variety of family structures, parenting styles, and cultural perspectives.	IPTS: All ICTS: 1,2, 5,7,8 ICLA: 2, 3 NAEYC: All Dispositions: SDE, EC, PTSL, PEP
Philosophy of Education	Understand, develop, and articulate an individual philosophy of education.	IPTS: All ICTS: 1, 3 ICLA: 1, 2, 3, NAEYC: All

		Dispositions: SDE, EC, PTSL, PEP, IWS
Comparison of Contemporary Educational Approaches	Performance includes a project on comparing different early childhood educational approaches and philosophies in early childhood education. The use of technology will be integrated into this project. Analyze contemporary educational approaches relative to philosophical method. Students will work collaboratively with peers to interpret and defend teaching approaches. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of historical backgrounds and philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches. Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of children within a variety of family structures, parenting styles, and cultural perspectives.	IPTS: All ICTS:1,2,5,7,8 ICLA: 2, NAEYC: All Dispositions: SDE, EC. IWS, PEP, PTSL

Core Assignments	Brief Description	Points	Approxi mate Weight
Participation	Performance includes attendance, participation and preparation for group and whole class discussions.	Participation = 10 pts. Attendance = 10 pts.	10%
Letter of Intent (Reflection)	Carefully review the list of dispositional areas adopted by CEPS and reflect upon the letter of intent you initially submitted. Revise your original letter of intent to address each of the dispositional areas. What experiences in your teacher preparation program have provided you opportunities to exhibit and develop these dispositions? Why are these dispositional areas important for your career as an educator?	50 pts.	15%
Tests and Examination	Tests and examinations consist of multiple measures, including multiple choice, short answers, and essay questions. Questions will be derived from lecture, assigned readings, article handouts and class discussions.	Mid-Term =30 pts Final =30 pts.	20%
Critical Examination of an Issue in Early Childhood Education	Students will individually research an issue in early childhood education and develop a paper analyzing the philosophical basis for the various perspectives on this issue. The issue must be current and significant to the early childhood field. The paper should be at least 5-pages long with references and written in APA style.	60 pts.	20%

Philosophy of Early Childhood Education	Students will write a paper (a minimum of 5 pages) on their philosophy and beliefs about teaching and the learning of young children and their families in order to articulate an individual philosophy of education.	60 pts.	20%
Comparison of Contemporary Educational Approaches in Early Childhood Education	Compare and contrast two or more types of early childhood approaches from different perspectives (philosophy, daily schedules and activities, assessments and evaluations, teacher's role, parental involvement, etc). The project will be presented in class. Utilization of technology in the project will be part of the assessment.	60 pts.	15%

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR EACH ASSIGNMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTOR

Graduate Students: Students receiving graduate credit must meet graduate level requirements for this class. An expanded assignment/additional assignment is required in order to receive graduate credit in this course. One option would be the completion of a theory to practice project paper to include a minimum of 12 pages with 10 sources. The nature of this assignment may vary and will be determined after consultation between the individual student and the instructor.

Student Point Record	Possible Points	Tentative Due Date
1. Letter of Intent Reflections	50	9/5/2013
2. Philosophy of ECE	60	9/26/2013
3. Mid-Term Exam	30	10/10/2013
4. Current Issue in ECE	60	10/24/2013
5. ECE Approaches	50	12/3/2013
Showcase	10	12/3/2013
6. Final Exam	30	12/12/2013
Attendance	10	
Participation (chap presentation	10	

Total 310

Grading Scale:

A= 92%-100% = 285-310 B= 82%-91% = 254- 284 C= 72%-81% = 222 - 253 D= 62%-71% = 192 - 221 F= 61% and below = 189 and below

Course Overview

This course covers five topics in early childhood programs and philosophy: 1) Contributions from the past, 2) Methodological philosophies, 3) Theoretical foundations of contemporary educational approaches 4) National values and social policies, and 5) Perspectives on Diversity.

COURSE OUTLINE

A. Contributions from the Past

a. Influences from classical sources (three weeks)

- i. Comenius
- ii. Rousseau
- iii. Froebel
- iv. Pestalozzi
- v. Montessori
- vi. Locke
- b. Early Growth of Educational Efforts (two weeks)
 - i. Kindergarten in Europe and North America
 - ii. Origins of nursery schools
 - iii. Child care facilities

B. Methodological Philosophies

(three weeks)

- a. The normative-descriptive approach
- b. The humanistic school
- c. Behaviorism and shaping techniques
- d. Piaget's interpretations of growth
- e. Erikson's early ages and stages
- f. Vygotsky's zone of proximal development
- g. Dewey's Progressivism
- h. Waldorf's view of nature and the environment
- i. Gardner's multiple intelligences
- C. Theoretical Foundations of Contemporary Educational Approaches (three weeks)
 - a. The Project Approach
 - b. Bank Street Approach
 - c. Reggio Emilia's Approach
 - d. The Waldorf Approach
 - e. The Montessori Approach
 - f. The Pyramid Method
 - g. Spectrum Approach
 - h. The High/Scope Model
 - i. The Portage Model
- D. National Values and Social Policy

(two weeks)

- a. The Federal Government: Supporting Children's Success
- b. Supporting Children's Success at the State Level
- c. Historical perspective of legal and ethical rights of young children
- E. Perspectives on Diversity:

(two weeks)

- a. Past and Present
 - i. Suppression of Cultural Diversity
 - ii. Melting Pot/ Issues with migration and immigration
 - 1. Family Structure(s)
 - 2. Language
 - iii. "Add-On" Multiculturalism
 - iv. Bilingualism/Biculturalism
 - v. Anti-bias Education
- b. Preparing to Teach from an Anti-bias Perspective

Weekly Schedule

Week/ Date	Торіс	Reading Assignment	Due
1 8/20/13 8/22/13	Overview of Course: Syllabus and Assignments Influences from classical sources i. Comenius ii. Rousseau	Morrison, Chapter 4	
2 8/27/13 8/29/13	Influences from classical sources (cont.) iii. Locke iv. Pestalozzi v. Froebel vi. Montessori (sse. week 7)	Morrison, Chapter 4	
3 9/3/13 9/5/13	Early Growth of Educational Efforts Kindergarten in Europe and North America Early Growth of Educational Efforts (cont.) i. Origins of nursery schools ii. Child care facilities	Morrison, Chapter 7	Letter of Intent (Reflections)
4 9/10/13 9/12/13	Methodological Philosophies: a. The normative-descriptive approach b. The humanistic school c. Behaviorism and shaping techniques		
5 9/17/13 9/19/13	Methodological Philosophies (cont.): d. Piaget's interpretations of growth e .Erikson's early ages and stages f. Vygotsky's zone of proximal development	Morrison, Chapter 5	
6 9/24/13 9/26/13	Methodological Philosophies (cont.) g. Dewey's Progressivism h. Waldorf's view of nature and the environment i. Gardner's multiple intelligences	Morrison, Chapter 4	Philosophy of Early Childhood Education
7 10/1/13 10/3/13	Theoretical Foundations of Contemporary Educational Approaches a.The Montessori Approach b.Bank Street Approach c.The High/Scope Model	Morrison, Chapter 6	
8 10/8/13 10/10/13	Theoretical Foundations of Contemporary Educational Approaches (cont.) d. The Project Approach e. Reggio Emilia's Approach f. The Waldorf Approach	Morrison Chapter 6	Mid-Term Exam Fall Break: 10/11/13
9 10/15/13 10/17/13	Theoretical Foundations of Contemporary Educational Approaches (cont.) g. The Pyramid Method h. Spectrum Approach i. The Portage Model	Class Packet	EIU Homecoming

10 10/22/13 10/24/13	National Values and Social Policy a. The Federal Government: Supporting Children's Success b. Supporting Children's Success at the State Level c.Historical perspective of legal and ethical rights of young children	Morrison, Chapters 2, 7, and 8	Issue in Early Childhood Education
11- 14	Practicum II -(10/29-11/22)		
15	Thanksgiving Holiday- No School		
16 12/3/13 12/5/13	Perspectives on Diversity: a.Past and Present i.Suppression of Cultural Diversity ii.Melting Pot/ Issues with migration and immigration 1.Family Structure(s) 2.Language Perspectives on Diversity (cont.): iii. "Add-On" Multiculturalism iv.Bilingualism/Biculturalism v.Anti-bias Education Preparing to Teach from an Anti-bias Perspective	Morrison, Chapter 15	Comparisons Approaches in ECE and Showcase
17	Final Exam : 12/12/13 at 10:15-12:15 pm in class		

Absences: Regular attendance and class participation are expected and count as part of your grade. If you are absence or missed the class, it is your responsibility to check with your classmate first to see if there have been any assignment changes or materials covered in the class.

Academic Integrity

"The Department of EC/ELE/MLE is committed to the learning process and academic integrity as defined within the Student Conduct Code Standard I. "Eastern students observe the highest principles of academic integrity and support a campus environment conducive to scholarship." Students are expected to develop original and authentic work for assignments submitted in this course. "Conduct in subversion of academic standards, such as cheating on examinations, plagiarism, collusion, misrepresentation or falsification of data" or "submitting work previously presented in another course unless specifically permitted by the instructor" are considered violations of this standard."

Student Success Center

Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to first contact their instructor. If needing additional help, please contact the Student Success Center (www.eiu.edu/~success) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

Students are required to conform to the classroom rules. Using cellphones and other electronic devices including lap tops in the class are strictly prohibited.

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Students with Disabilities: If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 581-6583.

All information in this syllabus should be considered subject to change based upon professional discretion.

Description of the Assignment

1. Letter of Intent (Reflection)

50 points

- Students will expand and reflect on their Letter of Intent to incorporate all the CEPS dispositional areas in a revised document.
- Carefully review the list of dispositional areas adopted by CEPS and reflect upon the letter of intent you initially submitted. Revise your original letter of intent to address each of the dispositional areas. What experiences in your teacher preparation program have provided you opportunities to exhibit and develop these dispositions? Why are these dispositional areas important for your career as an educator?
- The CEPS dispositional areas are as follows:

i.Interactions with Students

ii. Professional Ethnics and Practices

iii.Effective Communication

- iv. Planning and Teaching for Student Teaching
- v. Sensitivity to Diversity and Equity
- Letter needs to be a minimum of 4 pages long not including reference and title pages
- -What experiences in your teacher preparation program have provided you opportunities to exhibit and develop these dispositions? = explain your experience in each area of dispositions = 5 points for each area of disposition (25 points)
- Why are these dispositional areas important for your career as an educator? = 5 points for each area of the dispositions (25 points)

2. Critical Examination of an Issue in Early Childhood Education

60 points

Students will individually research an issue in early childhood education and develop a paper analyzing the philosophical basis for the various perspectives on this issue. The issue must be current and significant to the early childhood field. The paper should be at least 5-pages long not including the reference page, and written in APA style.

- Analyze educational literature and practice with philosophical lens = 15 points
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of historical backgrounds and philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches = 15 points
- Demonstrate knowledge of past and present developments (issues, research, and social influences) in the field of ECE = 15 points
- Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of children within a variety of family structures, parenting styles, and cultural perspectives = 15 points

3. Philosophy of Early Childhood Education

60 points

- Students will write a paper (a minimum of 5 pages) on their philosophy and beliefs about teaching and the learning of young children and their families in order to articulate an individual philosophy of education.
- This paper will address the following topics; philosophy of teaching, what do you believe the best practice in teaching young children, children with special needs, diversity and multiculturalism, using technology for young children, poverty and low income children and families.

4. Comparison of Contemporary Educational Approaches in Early Childhood Education 60 points

- Select **TWO** early childhood approaches (one from U.S. and the other from Europe) and discuss on the **comparison and contrasting** between the two approaches. Write a minimum of six pages paper not including references. You will present in class. Components of the paper will include:
- a. Name of the approaches. What are the children's age groups of these approaches.
- b. What type of the child care centers used these approaches?
- c. The philosophy, the goals, or objectives of the approaches
- d. The principles of the approaches
- e. What learning theories of young children are based on these approaches?
- f. What constitutes the quality education of these approaches?

- g. The primary activities of the approaches (schedules, daily routines, etc)
- h. The assessments used for the approaches
- i. Teacher training/ preparation
- j. Advantages and disadvantages of the approaches

Suggested Topics:

Early childhood approaches in the United States:

The High/Scope Model

The Vygotskian Approach

The Spectrum Approach

The Developmental-Interaction Approach (Bank Street)

Project Approach

Early childhood approaches in the Europe:

Reggio Emilia

The Waldorf

Montessori

The Pyramid

ELE 4776: Philosophy of Early Childhood Education Paper: 60 Points

Name: Date:

	Excellent	Good	Unsatisfactory	Possible Points	Your Points
Statements of Philosophy	Statements of philosophy are very clearly stated 19-20	Statements of philosophy are clearly stated 10-18	Statements of philosophy are not clearly stated 5-9	20	
Beliefs about Teaching	Beliefs about teaching are very clearly stated 19-20	Beliefs about teaching are clearly stated 10-18	Beliefs about teaching are not clearly stated 5-9	20	
Addressing Children's and Family's Needs	Very clearly addressing children's and families' needs	Clearly addressing children's and families' needs 6-8	Children's and families' needs were not address clearly 1-5	20	
Total				60	

Comments:

ELE 4776: Group Project: Paper and Presentation: 60 Points

Group Members: Date:

	Excellent	Good	Unsatisfactory	Possible Points	Your Points
a. Name of the programs, children's age groups, which type of the child care centers used these programs	Name of the programs, children's age groups, which type of the child care centers used these programs are clearly explained	Name of the programs, children's age groups, which type of the child care centers used these programs are somewhat clear.	Name of the programs, children's age groups, which type of the child care centers used these programs are not clear.		
b. The principles of the programs.	List all the principles of the programs	List partial of principles of the programs 3-4	List only few principles of the programs 1-2	5	
c.Developmental learning theories of young children are based on these programs	Developmental learning theories are very clearly incorporated and explained	Developmental learning theories are somewhat clearly incorporated and explained 3-4	Developmental learning theories are unclear and did not incorporate in the programs 1-2	5	
d. The curriculum: what constitute the quality education in the programs	The contents and the explanation of the curriculum are very clear 9-10	The contents and the explanation of the curriculum are somewhat clear 4-8	The contents and the explanation of the curriculum are unclear 1-3	10	
e The primary activities, schedules of the programs, daily routines	The primary activities, schedules of the programs and daily routines are very clearly stated and explained 9-10	The primary activities, schedules of the programs and daily routines are somewhat clearly stated and explained 4-8	The primary activities, schedules of the programs and daily routines lack of explanation.	10	

f. The assessments	The assessments	The assessments	The assessments		
used for the					
	used for the	used for the	used for the		
curriculum	curriculum are	curriculum are	curriculum are		
	very clearly and	somewhat clear	unclearly and		
	accurately	and accurately	inaccurately		
	explained	explained	explained		
	5	3-4	1-2		
	3	3-4	1-2	5	
g. Teacher	Tanahar training/	Tanahar training/	Tanahar training/		
_	Teacher training/	Teacher training/	Teacher training/		
training/	preparation are	preparation are	preparation are		
preparation	explained clearly	somewhat clearly	unclear		
	5	in the explanation	1-2	5	
		3-4	1-2		
		3-4			
h. Advantages and	Advantages and	Advantages and	Advantages and		
disadvantages of	disadvantages of	disadvantages of	disadvantages of		
the programs	the programs are	the programs are	the programs are		
the programs	clearly explained	somewhat clear	unclear		
	clearly explained	some what crear	uncicai	5	
	5	3-4	1-2		
Poster					
Presentation: 10					
Points					
i. Clarity of points	Points are very	Points are clearly	Points are unclear		
and presentation	clearly explain and	explain and	explain in the		
	discuss in the	discuss in the	discussions		
	presentation	presentation		4	
			1	4	
	4	2-3			
ii Agarraay of	Information are	Information are	Most of the		
ii. Accuracy of					
information	very accurate	somewhat accurate	information are		
	4	2-3	inaccurate		
	_	2-3	1	4	
			1		
iii. Technology	Excellent in the	Good in the	Limited in the		
infusion and	technology	technology	technology		
creativity	infusion and show	infusion and show	infusion and show		
	creativity in the	less creative in the	lack of creativity		
	presentation	presentation	in the presentation		
	prosonation	prosonation	in the presentation		
	2	1	0	2	
Total				60	
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Name:

ELE 4776: Letter of Intent Reflection

Area/ Component of the Dispositions	What experiences in your teacher education program have provided you to exhibits this disposition?	Why are these dispositional areas important for your career as an educator?	
	5 possible points for each areas of disposition	5 possible points for each areas of disposition	Possible Points = 50
1.Interaction with Students			
2.Professional Ethics and Practices			
3.Effective Communication			
4.Planning and Teaching for Student Learning			
5.Sensitivity to Diversity and Equity			
Total			

ELE 4776: Current Issue/Critical Examination of an Issue in ECE - 60 points

Title:

Name: Date:

	11-15	6-10	0-5	Possible Points	Your Points
Analyze educational literature and practice with philosophical lens	Analyze 5 educational literature and practice with philosophical lens	Analyze 4 educational literature and practice with philosophical lens	Analyze 3 educational literature and practice with philosophical lens	15	
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of historical backgrounds and philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches	Demonstrate three Knowledge and Understanding of historical backgrounds philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches	Demonstrate two Knowledge and Understanding of historical backgrounds philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches	Demonstrate one Knowledge and Understanding of historical backgrounds philosophies that influenced ECE programs and approaches	15	
Demonstrate knowledge of past and present developments (issue, research, and social influences)	Knowledge of past and present developments (issue, research, and social influences) are demonstrated clearly and related to the topic	Knowledge of past and present developments (issue, research, and social influences) are demonstrated somewhat clear and related to the topic	Knowledge of past and present developments (issue, research, and social influences) are unclear and less related to the topic	15	
Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of children within a variety of family structures, parenting styles, and cultural perspectives	Knowledge and understanding of children within a variety of family structures, parenting styles, and cultural perspectives are clearly demonstrated in the paper	Knowledge of past and present developments (issue, research, and social influences) are demonstrated somewhat clear and related to the topic	Knowledge of past and present developments (issue, research, and social influences) are unclear and less related to the topic	15	

4776: Suggested Topics for Research Paper

- 1. Are preschool programs boost school readiness for young children?
- 2. Is full-day kindergarten effective on school achievement?
- 3. The effects of redshirting on young children
- 4. Do children from home speak other than English impact on the early cognitive development in young children
- 5. The importance of play in promoting health child development and maintaining strong parent-child bonds
- 6. Does maternal employment have negative effects on children's development?
- 7. Is spanking detrimental to children?
- 8. Does marriage improve living standards for children
- 9. Is television viewing responsible for the rise in childhood obesity
- 10. Should children who are at risk for abuse remain with their families?
- 11. Does divorce create long-term negative effects for children?
- 12. Challenging behaviors and the role of preschool education
- 13. The effect of the inclusion in supporting learning and behavior of at-risk young children
- 14. Should curriculum for young children based on brain research?
- 15. Child's right to creative thought and expression
- 16. Least restrictive environment for preschoolers: How are we doing?
- 17. Is poverty linked to the kindergarten achievement?
- 18. Do teacher- child relations really matter?
- 19. Do teacher-parents relations really matter?
- 20. Elementary curriculum: What's it for children and teachers
- 21. Growing readers: The role of early childhood professionals
- 22. Teaching curriculum with technology: Enhancing children's technological competence.
- 23. What does the No Child Left Behind Act mean to early childhood teacher educators?
- 24. Which preschool curricular show positive impacts on school readiness?
- 25. Does eliminating all risks in outdoor play hinder child development?
- 26. Promoting language and literacy in early childhood care and deduction settings
- 27. How does neighborhood disadvantage translate into poor outcomes for children?
- 28. What are parents' concerns as their children move from early childhood programs to kindergarten?

- 29. What is the impact of a storytelling curriculum on the vocabulary and literacy skills of young children?
- 30. What accounts for different findings on the effects of maternal employment on child's outcomes?
- 31. What are the implications of the growing number of English Language Learners in U.S. schools?
- 32. What is the relation between behavioral regulation and early academic skills?
- 33. Do effects from preschool on children's academic abilities persist in elementary school years?
- 34. How do teacher's education and training affect program quality
- 35. How can states improve children's early success?
- 36. What is the impact of the Early Reading First program on teacher and child outcomes?
- 37. What dispositions are essentials for teachers as they work with families?
- 38. What is an assistive technology toolkit, and how can it promote inclusion?

4776: Guidelines for Research Paper:

1. Abstract:

- one paragraph
- · summarize major points in your paper
- 2. **Introduction**: 2-3 paragraphs
 - what is your topic about
 - rationale and purpose
 - reader map
- 3. **Contents:** discussions about the topic. Approximately 3-4 pages

(put subheadings)

- a. 2 paragraphs talking about one research study
- b. What is the title of the study?
- c. What is the study all about?
- d. What are the findings of the study?
- e. The discussions of the study
- At the end of all the studies make conclusions approximately 1 page
- A minimum of 5 research studies.
- Current studies: 5 years or less
- Some APA styles to consider:
 - ✓ If you use in text citations: "the values....socioeconomic status" (Marshall, 2008, p. 1).
 - ✓ use authors in the text: Md-Yunus and Haron (2008) reported in their study
 - ✓ reference list: Md-Yunus, S., & Haron, S. (2008). The effect of the tsunami on...

Suggested Research Journals:

- 1. Early Childhood Research Practice
- 2. Journal of Research in Childhood Education
- 3. Early Childhood Education Journal
- 4. Society for Research in Child Development.
- 5. Child Care & Early Education Research Connections
- 6. American Educational Research Journal

Possible Topic for Group Project

Group	Торіс	Name
1	The Developmental-Interaction (Bank Street) vs. The High/ Scope	1.
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2	The Project Approach vs. Reggio Emilia	1.
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3	The Vygotskian Approach vs. The Pyramid	1.
		2.
4	The Spectrum vs. The Waldorf	1.
		2.
5	Montessori vs. High Scope	1.
		2.