PART I: CATALOG DESCRIPTION

1. Course prefix and number, such as ART 1000: FCS 4256
2. Title (may not exceed 30 characters, including spaces): School-Age Care Programs
3. Long title, if any (may not exceed 100 characters, including spaces): Working with School-Age Care Programs
4. Class hours per week, lab hours per week, and credit [e.g., (3-0-3)]: 3-0-3
5. Term(s) to be offered: ☒ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☒ On demand
6. Initial term of offering: ☒ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: 2010
7. Course description (not to exceed four lines): Study of the whole child’s development between the ages of 6 and 8 years and the application of the child development knowledge to appropriate planning, implementing, and evaluating care and educational programs.
8. Registration restrictions:
   a. Identify any equivalent courses: none
   b. Prerequisite(s): none
   c. Who can waive the prerequisite(s)?
      ☐ No one ☐ Chair ☒ Instructor ☐ Advisor ☐ Other (Please specify)
   d. Co-requisites (course(s) which MUST be taken concurrently with this one): None
   e. Repeat status:
      ☒ Course may not be repeated.
      ☐ Course may be repeated to a maximum of _______ hours or _______ times.
   f. Degree, college, major(s), level, or class to which registration in the course is restricted, if any:
      This course is restricted to students majoring in the B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences, ABC (Associate’s to Bachelor’s in Child Care) Program, and B.S. in Career and Technical Education-Family and Consumer Sciences; minorin in Family and Consumer Sciences; and to students in the Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences (or, student from another College who is pursuing a Minor in Family and Consumer Sciences).
   g. Degree, college, major(s), level, or class to be excluded from the course, if any: see preceding point (f.)
9. Special course attributes: none
10. Grading methods (check all that apply): ☒ Standard letter ☐ C/NC ☐ Audit ☐ ABC/NC (“Standard letter”—i.e., ABCDF--is assumed to be the default grading method unless the course description indicates otherwise.)
11. Instructional delivery method: ☒ lecture ☐ lab ☐ lecture/lab combined ☐ independent study/research
    ☐ internship ☐ performance ☐ practicum or clinical ☐ study abroad ☒ other
PART II: ASSURANCE OF STUDENT LEARNING

1. List the student learning objectives of this course:
   Students enrolled in this course will:
   1. list, explain, and provide examples of school-age children's physical-motor, cognitive, and socioemotional development,
   2. list, describe, and provide examples of select ability-levels applicable to school-age children,
   3. differentiate among guidance philosophies, techniques, and practices appropriate to school-age children,
   4. develop and evaluate a developmentally appropriate school-age program using relevant theory and research,
   5. explain the qualifications of school-age program staff according to the Illinois Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers and the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs,
   6. compare, contrast, and apply various indicators of quality school-age programs according to the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs,
   7. evaluate professional organizations that support school-age programs and describe the type of information and/or services each organization provides.

   a. This is not a general education course.

   b. This course is not offered for graduate credit.

2. Identify the assignments/activities the instructor will use to determine how well students attained the learning objectives:

   - Students will periodically engage in group discussions and provide brief written or electronic reports to the class. In addition, students may be required to write very brief response papers to subjects of discussions, films, or application instructions. (Objectives 1-7)
   - Students will either observe a school-age program or interview a professional working with school-age children, summarize information and present to class. (Objectives 3)
   - Students will review 10 timely articles related to the course and orally report on three of the articles. (Objectives 1-4, 6 dependent on articles chosen)
   - Students will develop a thematic unit/module for school-age program implementation and assessment and present to peers. This assignment will serve as a capstone to the course. (Objective 4, 6)
3. Explain how the instructor will determine students’ grades for the course:

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<td>Discussions and group work</td>
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<td>Article Reviews (10 at 5 points each)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL POINTS</strong></td>
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Grading Scale:
- 198-220 points (90-100%) = A
- 175-197 points (80-89%) = B
- 152-174 points (70-79%) = C
- 129-151 points (60-69%) = D
- 128 or fewer points (59% or less) = F

4. For technology-delivered and other nontraditional-delivered courses/sections, address the following:
   a. Describe how the format/technology will be used to support and assess students’ achievement of the specified learning objectives: Students will be assigned a discussion question each week concerning material covered. They will also be required to post a response to at least one other student. A discussion rubric will be used to evaluate the content of the discussion.

The course will be divided into 12 weekly modules with specific topics of focus for each module.  
- **Week 1:** Introduction of course objectives, evaluation and basic rules and regulations. School-age children’s physical motor development.
- **Week 2:** Health, nutrition, wellness
- **Week 3:** Cognitive development, theories, development, achievement.
- **Week 4:** Computers/technology.
- **Week 5:** Socioemotional development.
- **Week 6:** Peer relations.
- **Week 7:** Developmentally appropriate practice.
- **Week 8:** Guidance.
- **Week 9:** School-age program staff.
- **Week 10:** Characteristics of quality programs.
- **Week 11:** School-age professional organizations/resources.
- **Week 12:** Overall professional commitment and growth.

b. Describe how the integrity of student work will be assured: The instructor will correspond with each student on a regular basis. Each posting on the discussion board and the assignment boxes reflect the student’s name and will be monitored carefully. A portion of the assignments are not rote memorization and are structured in a manner that will allow for the integration of material on a deeper level than mere memorization. Turnitin plagiarism software will be used to help ensure original and authentic written work. WebCT will allow for a structured open-book testing format.

c. Describe provisions for and requirements of instructor-student and student-student interaction, including the kinds of technologies that will be used to support the interaction (e.g., email, web-based discussions, computer conferences, etc.): Each student will be interacting directly with one another via WebCT. Discussion boards, email, chat rooms, whiteboards, blog and assignment boxes will be used for direct communication. In-service assignments will be made available for each student to peruse and evaluate. Students will also have the opportunity to correspond through telephone or in person if they so desire.
5. For courses numbered 4750-4999, specify additional or more stringent requirements for students enrolling for graduate credit. These include:
   a. course objectives;
   b. projects that require application and analysis of the course content; and separate methods of evaluation for undergraduate and graduate students. N/A

6. If applicable, indicate whether this course is writing-active, writing-intensive, or writing-centered, and describe how the course satisfies the criteria for the type of writing course identified. (See Appendix *.) N/A

PART III: OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

Week 1: I. School-Age children's physical-motor development
   A. Body growth and proportion
   B. Skeletal and muscular
   C. Tooth development and dental care
   D. Motor development
      1. Fine motor
      2. Gross motor

Week 2: II. Health
   A. Nutrition
   B. Exercise and sports
   C. Health problems
   D. Children's understanding of health and illness
   E. Varying ability levels
      1. Identification
         a. Sensory
         b. Physical
         c. Speech
         d. Learning
         e. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity
         f. Autism
         g. Giftedness
      2. Related educational and program issues

Week 3: III. School-Age children's cognitive development
   A. Cognition
      1. Piaget's theory
      2. Information processing
      3. Intelligence and creativity
   B. Language development
      1. Vocabulary and grammar
      2. Reading
      3. Bilingual language development
   C. Achievement
      1. The need for achievement
      2. Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation
      3. Mastery orientation versus helpless and performance orientation
4. Goal setting, planning, and self-regulation
5. Ethnicity and culture

Week 4: D. Children and computers
1. Positive influences
2. Negative influences
3. Classroom/program recommendations for technology

Week 5: IV. School-Age children's socioemotional development
A. Emotional and personality development
   1. The self
   2. Emotional development
   3. Moral development
   4. Gender
   5. Families
   6. Parent-child and/or family-child issues
   7. Societal changes in families

Week 6: B. Peer relations
1. Peer statuses
2. Social cognition
3. Friends
C. Schools/Programs
   1. Transitions
   2. Teachers/staff
   3. Socioeconomic status and ethnicity in schools/programs

Week 7: V. Developmentally appropriate practices
A. Explanation of developmentally appropriate practices
B. Identification of specific practices
C. Relationship of the practice to the children's development
D. Planning, implementing, and assessing school-age developmentally appropriate practices

Week 8: VI. Guidance
A. Guidance/discipline philosophies
   1. Prevention
   2. Natural consequences
   3. Communication
   4. Behavior management
B. Techniques for school-age children with diverse needs
C. Distinguish discipline from punishment
D. Dealing with anger and stress

Week 9: VII. School-Age program staff
A. Qualifications according to Illinois Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers
B. Qualifications according to the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs

Week 10: VIII. Characteristic of quality school-age programs
A. Quality indicators according to National Academy of Early Childhood Programs
B. Quality indicators as identified in the literature

Week 11: VII. School-Age professional organizations
   A. Information available
   B. Services available

Week 12: C. Overall professional commitment and growth

PART IV: PURPOSE AND NEED

1. Explain the department’s rationale for developing and proposing the course.
   a. This course is one of 22 Family & Consumer Sciences Special Topic courses written specifically for the Certification of Learning on an Alternative Schedule (CLAS) program that has since been renamed the Alternative Bachelors for Childcare (ABC) education program and approved as such between 1999-2000. This course has been part of a series of modules scheduled in a two-year rotation and offered repeatedly. The ABC modules consist of 60 hours of coursework, of both existing FCS courses and courses written specifically for the program.

   The ABC program was designed to meet current Illinois legislation requiring Bachelors degrees for Childcare providers by the year 2011. Completion of the ABC program prepares students to seek the Illinois Director Credential as the program has been deemed an “Entitled Program”.

   Note: Admission to the ABC program is limited to those students with a two-year degree in early childhood education (or a related discipline) and currently working in the field who are seeking a Bachelors of General Studies degree with the proposed Childcare Education option through the School of Continuing Education.

   b. The course is currently taught off campus in a traditional face-to-face format. Offering an online option will enhance the accessibility of the program to students.

2. Justify the level of the course and any course prerequisites, co-requisites, or registration restrictions.
   This course reflects upper-level work and requires a level of experience in, and/or familiarity with, the field of early childhood education; therefore enrollment in the ABC program is required. In unique circumstances, the instructor may determine that a student has the knowledge base to allow enrollment in the course based upon a combination of prior coursework and life experience.

3. If the course is similar to an existing course or courses, justify its development and offering.
   a. N/A
   b. N/A

4. Impact on Program(s):
   a. This course is required for completion of the Bachelors of Arts in General Studies, option in Childcare Education (ABC program).
   b. This is not a graduate level course.

PART V: IMPLEMENTATION
1. Faculty member(s) to whom the course may be assigned: Mikki Meadows, PhD has primary oversight of the ABC program and will teach this course or delegate a qualified FCS faculty member in consultation with FCS administration

2. Additional costs to students: None


PART VI: COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER

A community college course will not be judged equivalent to this course.

PART VII: APPROVALS

Date approved by the department or school: January 26, 2010

Date approved by the college curriculum committee: March 1, 2010

Date approved by the Honors Council (if this is an honors course): N/A

Date approved by CAA: March 11, 2010

*In writing-active courses, frequent, brief writing activities and assignments are required. Such activities -- some of which are to be graded -- might include five-minute in-class writing assignments, journal keeping, lab reports, essay examinations, short papers, longer papers, or a variety of other writing-to-learn activities of the instructor's invention. Writing assignments and activities in writing-active courses are designed primarily to assist students in mastering course content, secondarily to strengthen students' writing skills. In writing-intensive courses, several writing assignments and writing activities are required. These assignments and activities, which are to be spread over the course of the semester, serve the dual purpose of strengthening writing skills and deepening understanding of course content. At least one writing assignment is to be revised by the student after it has been read and commented on by the instructor. In writing-intensive courses, students’ writing should constitute no less than 35% of the final course grade. In writing-centered courses (English 1001G, English 1002G, and their honors equivalents), students learn the principles and the process of writing in all of its stages, from inception to completion. The quality of students' writing is the principal determinant of the course grade. The minimum writing requirement is 20 pages (5,000 words).