

Early Childhood Education Executive Summary

Purpose/Goal

Supported by discussions with the Early Childhood Education Advisory Board members, the Early Childhood Education program is interested in combining the current Preschool Education Certificate and the Infant Toddler Education and Care Certificate into one certificate program. The program is also interested in making changes to the degree program.

Course Changes

- Remove CHLD 1525- Directed Independent Study- course is no longer active with KBOR.
- Update CHLD 1508- Child Care Internship- credit hours for the course will change to three credit instead of a variable amount of one to six credit hours. Guidelines for students doing course work in a home based day care will be added.
- Update CHLD 1506- Child Care Practicum to include guidelines for students doing course work in a home based day care.
- Update CHLD 1509-Child Care Practicum to include guidelines for students doing course work in a home based day care.
- Change the name for CHLD 1548 to Curriculum Materials Development- deleting Child Education Fair from the title.

Certificate Changes

- CHLD 1554- Creative Activities will be removed from the certificate curriculum:
- The 22 credit hour Preschool Education Certificate and the 22 credit hour Infant Toddler Education & Care Certificate will be combined into a 25 credit hour Child Development Certificate.
- Courses would include:

REQUIREMENTS			
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1500	Intro to Early Childhood Education*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1507	Child Health, Safety & Nutrition*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1505	Preschool Child*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1551	Infant and Toddler Education and Care	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1553	Creative Experiences for Children*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1512	Child Abuse & Neglect	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1565	Preschool Language & Literacy	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1550	Early Childhood Career Development	1
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1513	Children's Play & Games OR	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHED	1246	First Aid Emergency Care OR**	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1504	Early Childhood Curriculum OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1506	Child Care Practicum OR***	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHLD	1549	Early Childhood Program Administration	
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TOTAL			25

Degree Changes

- CHLD 1563-Parenting will be removed from the degree curriculum, however it will continue to be taught as SOCI 1145.
- CHLD 1550-Early Childhood Career Development will become a program requirement.

Overall Rationale:

- By combining the Preschool Education Certificate and the Infant Toddler Education and Care Certificate into one 25 credit hour Child Development Certificate, students will have more job opportunities since they will receive training in all aspects of child care from birth to 8 years of age. CHLD 1551-Infant and Toddler Education and Care was added to the Preschool Certificate to increase the required credit hours to 25.
- Updating the practicum and internship courses to include expectations of the student if they choose to apply their course work in a home day care will help the student receive the full benefit of the hands-on experience.
- Making CHLD 1550-Early Childhood Career Development a requirement instead of an elective will encourage the student to complete the Child Development Associate Industry certification.

Respectfully Submitted:

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