

El Paso Community College

Syllabus

Part II

Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	<u>Teacher Preparation</u>
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	<u>TECA 1303</u>
COURSE TITLE	<u>Families, School, & Community</u>
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	<u>3 2 :</u> Credits Lec Lab

I. Catalog Description

A study of the child, family, community, and schools, including parent education and involvement, family and community lifestyles, child abuse, and current family life issues. Course content must be aligned as applicable with State Board for Educator Certification Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities standards and coincide with the National Association for the Education of Young Children position statement related to developmentally appropriate practices for children from birth through age eight. Requires students to participate in field experiences with children from infancy through age 12 in a variety of settings with varied and diverse populations. The course includes a minimum of 16 hours of field experiences. **(2:2)**.

II. Course Objectives

- A. Unit I. Parent Styles and Effective Parenting Techniques [Families with children birth to 12 years of age].
1. Define parenting styles.
 2. Describe family structures and interaction patterns and how they influence growth and development of children birth to 12 years of age.
 3. Explain developmental stages of parenting and the effect on growth and development of children birth to 12 years and their parents.
 4. Describe changes in parenting and family life from the 20th century to the present.
 5. Describe the role of families in teaching and supporting learning.
 6. Identify characteristics of healthy families vs. families in crisis.
- B. Unit II. Issues Relating to Families and Communities [Families with children birth to 12 years of age].
1. Analyze current issues as they relate to families and parenting.
 2. Explain the importance of being sensitive to differences in family structures as well as social and cultural backgrounds as they relate to child rearing practices.
 3. Describe needs and challenges of families caring for children with special needs.
 4. Evaluate effects the community has on children and their families.
 5. Identify community resources available to support children's development, learning, well-being, and special needs.
 6. Explain the importance of maintaining codes of ethical conduct when working with the families and community professionals.

7. Discuss legislation and public policies affecting children and families, including children with special needs.
 8. Advocate on behalf of early childhood issues relating to families and communities.
- C. Unit III. Literature Relating to Diverse Cultures and Lifestyles
1. Recognize and discuss human variability through careful study of socio-cultural diversity.
 2. Review and discuss professional literature on anti-biased approaches in the classroom birth to 4th grade.
 3. Explain how a child's home language other than standard English influences his/her English language development.
 4. Research bilingual education programs in our region for children under 4 and for four- year-olds to 12-year-olds.
- D. Unit IV. Strategies for Communicating, Interacting, and Engaging with Parents and Families
1. Describe ways to establish and maintain strong, positive, collaborative relationships with families in early childhood programs birth to 12 years.
 2. Explain how teachers can work effectively with parents or primary caregivers to address children's needs and promote their development.
 3. Explain the importance of respecting parents' choices and goals for their children.
 4. Describe strategies that involve parents in planning for their individual children's growth and development.
 5. Describe policies that promote "family-friendly practices."
 6. Describe strategies to communicate with families.
 7. Work effectively as a member of a professional team in an early childhood program
- E. Unit V. Abuse and Neglect
1. Study the history and policy development of abuse and neglect.
 2. List types of abuse and neglect and behaviors that might be indicators of abuse and neglect.
 3. Explain state and national statutes regarding responsibilities in reporting suspected abuse and neglect.
 4. List steps in reporting suspected abuse and neglect.
 5. Identify strategies that deter abusive behaviors.
 6. Describe the early childhood educator's role in helping abused and neglected children.

III. THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify characteristics and issues relating to diverse cultures and caregiving lifestyles.
2. Analyze ways in which factors in the home and community (e.g. parent expectations, availability of community resources, community issues) impact learning, including an awareness of social and cultural factors to enhance development and learning.
3. Identify and apply strategies to maintain positive, collaborative relationships with diverse families (e.g. families with children with disabilities, poverty, single parent, cultural, homelessness, and dual-language learners).
4. Investigate community/educational resources (e.g. dentist on wheels, library programs, GED programs, family education programs, Early Childhood Intervention Strategies) to empower families to support children's development.
5. Recognize signs of abuse and neglect and describe ways to work effectively with abused and neglected children and their families.
6. Explain the importance of family involvement/home-school relationships in education.
7. Explain the importance of maintaining codes of ethical conduct and legal issues when working with families, colleagues, and community professionals.

IV. Evaluation

Evaluation is based on the following criteria:

- A. Field-Based Activities (Required)
- B. Exams and/or Learning Activities
- C. Other added Instructor Requirements

Grading Scale

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 60-69*
- F = below 60*

***Additional Support**

At the instructor's discretion, students may be allowed to rewrite papers, retake an exam, or be given extra credit work. Students seeking additional help may obtain tutoring assistance from the Writing Center at any campus.

NOTE: A grade of "C" or better is required to transfer this course to a four-year college or university in Texas.

V. Disability Statement (Americans with/Disabilities Act [ADA])

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

VI. 6 Drop Rule

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.

VII. Title IX and Sex Discrimination

Title 9 (20 U.S.C. 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106) states the following "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits stalking, date violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence for all students, employees and visitors (male and female). If you have any concerns related to discrimination, harassment, or assault (of any type) you can contact the Assistant to the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services at 915-831-2655. Employees can call the Manager of Employee Relations at 915-831-6458. Reports of sexual assault/violence may also be reported to EPCC Police at 915-831-2200.