Working with Families – ECED 206
Child, Youth and Family Studies Program/
Early Childhood Education Diploma Program

Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Pre 1998
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2023
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE: September 2028

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

ECED 206 provides students with knowledge and skills to work with families from atypical and typical backgrounds. This course examines families through an ecological context. It also focuses on working with families: the day to day interactions, policies, procedures, and ethical practices. We also look at community resources and other resources that are important to families on a daily basis.

Program Information: This course is a core requirement of the Early Childhood Education Diploma program.

Delivery: This course is delivered online.

COTR Credits: 3

Hours for this course: 45 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

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Practicum Hours (if applicable):

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**COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:**

**Prerequisites:**  
Minimum 65% in either English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, ENGL 090, or equivalent (refer to Course Equivalency Information on the College website)

Child, Youth and Family Studies Program: Early Childhood Education Certificate or a Certificate in Early Childhood Education from an accredited college.

**Corequisites:**  
None

**Flexible Assessment (FA):**

Credit can be awarded for this course through FA  
☑ Yes  ☐ No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

**Transfer Credit:**  
For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit [http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer](http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer).

Students should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

**Prior Course Number:**  
N/A
Textbooks and Required Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:


*Please see the instructor’s syllabus or check COTR’s online text calculator* [http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp](http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp) *for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.*

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- demonstrate respect for diversity: cultural, socioeconomic, and all types of families;
- support families to access support systems;
- demonstrate an understanding of supported child care: the process of referrals and support;
- provide relevant resources that are available to families;
- advocate for a family;
- demonstrate professional conduct in all interpersonal interactions;
- exhibit ethical practices when working with families;
- develop policies for family involvement;
- provide forms of parent education; and
- work effectively as a team member: multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary.

COURSE TOPICS:

Families
- Goals, values, and culture
- In the community

Working with Families

Community Resources

Policies, Procedures and Ethical Practices When Working with Families

Advocating for Families

Children who require extra support and their families

*See instructor’s syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.*
EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT:

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Please see the instructor’s syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments and use of electronic aids.

EXAM POLICY:

Students must attend all required scheduled exams that make up a final grade at the appointed time and place.

Individual instructors may accommodate for illness or personal crisis. Additional accommodation will not be made unless a written request is sent to and approved by the appropriate Department Head prior to the scheduled exam.

Any student who misses a scheduled exam without approval will be given a grade of “0” for the exam.

COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

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ACADEMIC POLICIES:

Late Policy: Assignments received up to one week past their due date will receive a penalty of 10%. Assignments received after the first week late will not be marked and the student will receive a zero for that assignment. Weekly discussion forums must be completed in the designated week and late postings will not be marked. Note that no assignments will be accepted after the last day of the semester.

See [www.cotr.bc.ca/policies](http://www.cotr.bc.ca/policies) for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

COURSE CHANGES:

Information contained in course outlines is correct at the time of publication. Content of the courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will endeavour to provide notice of changes to students as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete material from courses.