I. Course Description
An intensive study of the cognitive development and socialization of young children from
diverse cultures, with consideration of ethnicity, gender, and social-economic background,
and special needs and the manner in which these issues effect their development and
learning.

II. Rationale
Early childhood educators must be prepared to teach an increasingly diverse population of
young children. More children from immigrant households are enrolled in early childhood
programs than ever before. Jeerlean Daniel and Susan Friedman in *Beyond the Journal*
(November, 2005).

III. National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards for
Graduate Level Professional Development Covered in ECED 5337

A. Standard 2: Building Family and Community Relationships
   2a. Knowing about and understanding diverse family and community
       characteristics.
   2c: Demonstrating cultural competence and effective collaboration to involve
       families and communities in young children’s development and learning.

B. Standard 4. Using Developmentally Effective Approaches to Connect With Children and
Families
   4c: Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching/learning
      approaches with a high level of cultural competence, understanding & responding to
      diversity in culture, language & ethnicity.

C. Standard 6: Becoming a professional.
   6e: Engaging in informed advocacy for children & the profession, skillfully
      articulating & advocating for sound professional practices & public policies.
IV. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Students will design a Cultural Growth Plan that utilizes knowledge of early childhood content and pedagogy acquired in the program to inform teaching.

V. Course Objectives

By the end of the semester, students will have the knowledge and understanding of the following:

A. Discuss the social foundations and theory of multiculturalism;
B. Discuss and understand the components of anti-bias curriculum and its implementation;
C. Discuss and critique diversity techniques;
D. Plan for the advocacy of all children;
E. Synthesize the components of multicultural education and its impact on the lives of children; and
F. Discuss family involvement from a multicultural perspective.

VI. Course Topics

The following topics will be covered in this course:

A. Caring-centered multicultural education;
B. Advocacy for all children;
C. Multicultural issues of importance in education;
D. Meeting the needs of a diverse population; and
E. Multicultural education.

VII. Instructional Methods and Activities

Methods and activities for instruction include:

A. Traditional Experiences (lecture/discussion; demonstration; guest speaker; on-line deliveries; video, etc)
B. Clinical Experiences (simulations; cooperative groups; student demonstrations or presentations; value clarifications)
C. Field Experiences

VIII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

The methods of evaluation and the criteria for grade assignment are:

A. Cultural autobiography = 50 points
B. Cultural interview = 50 points
C. Cultural growth plan = 100 points
D. Research activity = 300 points
100%-92% (400-368 points) = A
91%-82% (367-328 points) = B
81%-72% (327-288 points) = C
71%-62% (287-248 points) = D
61%-0% (247-0 points) = F

G. Late assignments will be accepted for one half credit unless the professor has deemed the situation to be beyond the student’s control.

H. On all assignments, points will be deducted for misspelled words, grammatical errors, errors in mechanics, sentence fragments, and untyped assignments.

IX. Course Schedule and Policies

See attached course schedule. Dates may be changed at the discretion of the professor. (This will be attached and updated each semester)

B. Class Policies

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in failure. See website http://judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu/.

Dropping a Class

I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with me before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. Check the university academic calendar website for dates related to dropping a class with an automatic grade of "W" this term. See website http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/academic_cal.html.

Preferred methods of scholarly citations
Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition is the preferred method for citations within papers.

Classroom/professional behavior

All students are expected to act in a responsible manner with consideration of fellow students and toward TAMU-CC faculty and staff members. Specific rules and information is available in the TAMU-CC Student Handbook and available through the website http://judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu/studentcofc.html.

Statement of Academic Continuity

In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

Grade Appeals*

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Disabilities Accommodations*

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in CCH 116. See website http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu.
If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

*Required by SACS

X. Textbook

The textbook adopted for this course is:


XI. Bibliography


Cultural Autobiography

ECED 5337

Examine and describe yourself as a cultural being in a narrative. Share information about your heritage (family and culture), your attitudes and the values learned as you grew from a child to an adult. You may recall the information or ask family members or other relatives to explore this assignment. The following ideas may be used within your description; however, they are not required. Other ideas are also appropriate. (Do not answer each section below with specific answers.)

You may want to think about:

• lessons learned about people of different ethnicities, classes genders, abilities and sexual orientations. How did you learn those? Describe the experiences that helped you develop those attitudes or feelings.
• stories that your parents or grandparents told you about the family and how those stories had an impact/affect on you;
• ways older people are addressed in your family/culture. What do those practices say about beliefs about age?
• ways people show that they care for each other in the family. Describe actions of caring within your family and/or culture. Do others bring small gifts, call and/or e-mail? Do they visit each other’s homes?
• ways that holidays, birthdays, weddings, etc. are celebrated within your family/culture
• where your family lives in relation to other family members
• ways affection is demonstrated in your family and culture. When is it considered acceptable to show affection? Do people kiss and hug or are they more reserved?
• boundaries of physical space. Do people in your family/culture stand close to each other? Do they maintain large distances from each other? How do you measure/describe the “invisible bubble” that represents each other’s space?
Requirements: This paper should be a **minimum** of 4 pages, double-spaced typed with a 12 font.

NAEYC Standard(s): 2a
Cultural Autobiography Rubric

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Comments:
Cultural Interview
ECED 5337

To fully explore another culture, you will be required to interview a person from a culture different from those you know and understand. You are to write a paper based upon that interview. The person selected for the interview:

a. May not be a member of this class;
b. Has attended school in the USA; and
c. Represents a culture different from your own.

The interview should focus on:
• their K-12 experiences and the impact of being different from the majority culture had upon the person’s school experiences.
•discuss the peer acceptance, teachers and staff acceptance and treatment,
•discuss the kind of curriculum to which they were privileged to, or denied access.

Then compare and contrast this person’s experiences to your own.

Requirements: The person being interviewed MUST represent a culture DIFFERENT from the culture selected for the “Individual Cultural Growth Plan”. The paper must be a minimum of three pages in length, double-spaced and in a font of 12.

NAEYC Standard(s): 2a
### Cultural Interview

**ECED 5337**

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**Comments:**
Individual Cultural Growth Plan
ECED 5337

To complete this assignment, select a culture that is different from your own and one that has been marginalized. State the aspects that you know about this culture, want to know about it and why you chose this culture.

Next, attend some type of activity in which you can become involved. This may include attending a religious ceremony, participating in a cultural activity, or volunteering at an event. You will then compose a formal paper that states the things you knew about the culture, wanted to learn about the culture and reasons for choosing this culture. The paper must also include a review of pertinent literature using a MINIMUM of 8 sources regarding this culture.

In addition, you will also state specific concepts you learned about the culture and how this will affect your educational experiences in the future. This culture MUST be different from the one selected for the “Cultural Interview”.

Requirements: This formal paper must be a minimum of six pages in length, double-spaced, using a font of 12. Because a minimum of 8 sources will be included in the paper, the requirements of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed.) must be used. A reference list of the sources used is also required. See also A.P.A. handout for additional information.

This project will be presented to the class in a VERY CREATIVE way on the dates listed in the syllabus. 30 minutes will be allowed for your presentation. The order of the presentations will be drawn.

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Reaction Papers Assignment  
ECED 5337

Reaction papers or position papers are intended to cause the student to reflect upon the readings in a thorough manner. After reading the article, the student should determine the personal meaning of the information and how it may or may not impact the educational setting in which they find themselves. Please do NOT abstract the article, I’ve read all of them!

Some points to ponder may include:

- Did you learn something new, if so, what?
- How do the points in the article affect today’s society?
- What solutions to the topic can you offer?
- Can you relate to the article, why or why not?
- Will this affect your thought processes in the future, if so, how?
- Did this relate to other things read in this or other classes? If so, what and how does it relate?
- Does the information affect the curriculum used in your setting?

The above listed questions are intended to ‘jump start’ your thinking about the articles. It is not necessary, nor desirable for you to answer each of the above questions.

Requirements: The response to the articles should be between 2 and 5 pages in length, double-spaced and typed in a 12 font.

NAEYC Standard(s): 2c, 4c and 6e
ECED 5337
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