

Administrative Master Syllabus

Course Information

Course Title	Creative Arts for Early Childhood
Course Prefix, Num. and Title	CDEC 1358 – Creative Arts for Early Childhood
Division	Technology and Business
Department	Education & Early Childhood
Course Type	WECM Course
Course Catalog Description	An exploration of principles, methods, and materials for teaching music, movement, visual arts, and dramatic play through process-oriented experiences to support divergent thinking for children birth through age eight.
Pre-Requisites	None
Co-Requisites	None

Semester Credit Hours

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): Lecture Hours:	3:3:0
Lab/Other Hours	
Equated Pay Hours	3
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Lab Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Clinical Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Practicum Hours	0
Other Hours Breakdown	0

Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
Department Head:	Sandra McCarstle, Early Childhood / Education Program Director	06-01-2025
Division Chair:	David Kucera, Technology & Business Division Chair	06-01-2025
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Additional Course Information

Topical Outline: Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, and clinical or other non-lecture instruction).

Topics of Study:

- The creative process in children ages birth age 12 years
- The role of play in a child's growth and development and in creative development
- The developmental sequences for creative arts (birth-elementary school)
- Teacher roles in enhancing creativity
- Concepts taught through the creative arts (as in size, number, and position concepts) and components of creative environments (materials, scheduling, and arranging space)
- Ideas to extend creative activities in other curriculum areas (Math, Language Arts, Literacy, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education)
- Various ways to plan, implement, and assess child-centered activities for music
- Various ways to plan, implement, and assess child-centered activities for movement
- Various ways to plan, implement, and assess child centered activities for visual arts
- Various ways to plan, implement, and assess child-centered activities for dramatic play
- Various ways to use arts, music, and drama in the study of seasons and holidays in programs for young children (birth-12 years)

National Association for the Education of Young Children Standards measured in the course:

1. Promoting child development and learning
2. Building family and community relationships
3. Observing, documenting, and assessing
4. Using developmentally appropriate approaches to connect with children and families
5. Using content knowledge to build meaningful curriculum
6. Becoming a professional

Course Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Define the creative process
2. Describe developmental sequences of creative arts
3. Analyze teacher roles in enhancing creativity
4. Describe concepts taught through the creative arts
5. Identify components of creative environments
6. Assess creative arts activities
7. Communicate thoughts, ideas, information, and messages in writing in a weekly journal.

Define the creative process; describe developmental sequences of creative arts; analyze teacher roles in enhancing creativity; describe concepts taught through the creative arts; identify components of creative environments; and assess creative arts activities.

Methods of Assessment:

- 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. A term project of 6 creative activity lessons (2 Art, 2 Music/Movement, 2 Drama) for a particular age group. Lessons will be submitted in increments so that instructors can provide feedback



to students in the completion of the project. The project will be graded with a departmental rubric with a minimum grade of 70 points indicating mastery. Students will share a portion of their project informally in class.

- 4. Review of a journal article dealing with the topic of creativity, art, music, drama, or movement in programs for children (grade of 70 indicates mastery).
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Midterm and final exams (and other tests deemed necessary by the instructor); in class assignments (grade of 70 indicates mastery). The midterm exam must include at least one essay question to assess higher levels of Bloom's Taxonomy.
- 7. Weekly, in-class journal entries factored into the attendance/ participation grade.

Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student:

Most recent edition of Mayesky, M. (latest edition). Creative activities for young children. New York: Cengage Learning. AND

Bredecamp, S. & Copple, C. *Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth through Age 8* (latest edition). Washington, DC: NAEYC.

Suggested Course Maximum:

35

List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

Students should have space to work in small groups.

Course Requirements/Grading System: Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course.

After reading the text books and participating in class lectures and discussions, students will compile and arrange a term project of 3 art, 3 music/movement, and 3 drama lessons to use with a particular age group (birth-grade 6). The project will be graded according to a departmental rubric, and students will share portions of the project in class. Students will review one journal article on the topic of creativity in children. Students will write a weekly journal entry in class reflecting on their learning.

50% Test (including midterm with minimum of one essay question, final exam, quizzes, and other written assignments)

30% Term Project and review of article

20% Attendance, class participation, and weekly journal entries

Grading Scale

A=90-100%

B=80-89%

C=70-79%

D=60-69%

F=59 and below



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Curriculum Checklist:

- ☐ **Administrative General Education Course** (from ACGM, but not in WCJC Core) – No additional documents needed.
- ☐ **Administrative WCJC Core Course.** Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
 - ☐ Critical Thinking
 - ☐ Communication
 - ☐ Empirical & Quantitative Skills
 - ☐ Teamwork
 - ☐ Social Responsibility
 - ☐ Personal Responsibility
- ☒ **WECM Course** -If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix and Competencies Checklist