

**Hagerstown Community College
MASTER SYLLABUS**

COURSE: EDU103: Foundations of Early Childhood Education, 3 credits

INSTRUCTOR: Professor Mary Beth Chaney

DATE: Spring 2018

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to increase the student's understanding of various curriculum models and approaches in early childhood education. The focus will be on programs for children from birth through grade 3, historical and philosophical foundations, learner characteristics, contemporary issues and career opportunities. **A 15 hour Field Experience outside of class time is required.** Pre-requisite: ENG100 or placement into ENG 101.

TEXTBOOK:

Bredenkamp, Sue (2017). *Effective Practices in Early Childhood Education, Building a Foundation*, 3rd Edition. Pearson. ISBN 9780133956702/0133956709.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to:

- apply their understanding of effective teaching strategies, assessment recording, and developmental goals that help children achieve the highest level of knowledge through the creation of lesson plans;
- demonstrate how teachers use content standards and child development knowledge in planning effective curriculum;
- describe what it means to become a professional early childhood educator and the obligations and commitments to children that early childhood professionals must understand and embrace.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE:

Components of the Course	Hours in Class	Hours Outside of Class	Total
Lecture/Classwork	37.5		37.5
Reading/Homework		30	67.5
Preparing for Exams		12	79.5
Portfolio Assignment	3	15	97.5
Student Success Center		3	100.5
Field Experience		15	115.5
Lesson Plan	1	2	119.5

Services for Students with Disabilities: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.