

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2026

CD1045 (EC): Practicum I – 3 (0-2-8) 126 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS:	Monday 12:00 – 1:00, Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00 (on-campus) or email to make an appointment. We can meet through Teams or Zoom.		

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course introduces students to the field of early learning and child care. Students will begin to integrate concepts and theories from course work with practical experience in the field. Students will attend weekly seminars throughout the practicum weeks.

COREQUISITE(S): Completed or concurrently enrolled in CD1000, CD1050 and CD1330.

Note: Number of practicum weeks and the structure of the practicum may be adjusted for regional and part-time students based upon practicum placement and student needs.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: CD1045 Regional Practicum Booklet

DELIVERY MODE(S): Zoom Meetings (Lecture, discussion, observation of the student's interactions with young children. Seminar links found in myClass).

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Demonstrate beginning skills in interacting with individual and small groups of children in a nurturing, supportive, and responsive manner.
2. Demonstrate beginning skills in supporting and facilitating children's play.
3. Demonstrate beginning skills in observing, recording, and interpreting children's behaviour.
4. Effectively plan, implement and evaluate art, music, and literature experiences based on the developmental needs and interests of the children.
5. Demonstrate professional behaviour and communicate effectively with the other adults in the program.
6. Demonstrate beginning skills in reflecting on and assessing her/his own behaviours and skills and set goals for further professional growth.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

**** For courses with alpha (letter) grading, a grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS: Feedback is provided on planning sheets, seminar discussions, logbook entries, supervision visits and evaluations. Students must meet all requirements as posted in myClass.

GRADING CRITERIA: Please note that most institutions will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Credit/No Credit Grading:

Alpha Grade	4-Point Equivalence	Percentage Conversion (unless otherwise specified in the Course Outline)	Descriptor
CR	N/A	50-100	Credit
NC	N/A	0-49	No Credit

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

The timeline for this course will follow a schedule of due dates for logbooks, discussions, and evaluations. The dates can be found within the course under 'Important Information'.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Northwestern Polytechnic expects students' conduct to be in accordance with basic rights and responsibilities. Please refer to the NWP calendar regarding rights and responsibilities.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT: Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.