DEPARTMENT EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2026

CD2145 (EC): Practicum IV – 6 (0-2-0) 254 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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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This practicum provides students with the opportunity to integrate their knowledge, skills, and values in a professional early learning setting. Students apply developmentally appropriate practices, design engaging environments, and demonstrate leadership in supporting children's play, learning, and well-being.

Practicum experiences may take one of several forms, including facilitating outdoor and nature-based play environments, operating a student-led preschool program, or completing a supervised workplace practicum in a licensed early learning and child care setting. Students work collaboratively with peers and mentors, engage in reflective practice, and demonstrate professional conduct aligned with Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework and the Code of Ethics for Early Childhood Educators.

PREREQUISITE(S):

All first and second-year courses in the Early Learning and Child Care Diploma program and a standard first aid certificate or consent of the Department. (Students must successfully complete CD2020 immediately prior to taking CD2145.)

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COREQUISITE(S):
N/A

REQUIRED MATERIALS:
CD2145 Practicum Handbook
Materials for planned Group Times, Experiences, and Learning Centers

DELIVERY MODE(S):
Practicum- on site at your placement
Seminars- Zoom meetings and discussion forum (links in myClass)
Observations- Zoom meetings (links in myClass)

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this practicum, the student will be able to complete all duties and responsibilities of a Level Three Child Care Educator, specifically they will:

- Develop a positive rapport with children and interact with children in a nurturing, supportive manner.
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively guide children's behavior.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the nutritional, health, and safety needs of young children.
- Demonstrate an understanding of emergent curriculum by providing materials and experiences which are based on a variety of factors including their observations and reflections of children's developmental needs, interests, and interactions in a play based environment.
- Demonstrate the ability to participate in children's play to support, facilitate, and/or extend the play using appropriate strategies or interventions.
- Demonstrate professional behavior.
- Establish and maintain collaborative working relationships with other adults in the workplace setting.
- Establish and maintain open, friendly, and informative relationships with each child's family

TRANSFERABILITY:

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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 will be provided on observations, planning sheets, and logbook entries. Failure to complete all assignments on time and participate in all Seminars can result in a grade of No Credit.

GRADING CRITERIA:

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

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:

Assignments due (as per myClass):

- September 25, 2026
- October 30, 2026
- November 27, 2026
- December 9, 2026

Zoom Introduction Seminar September 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion Forum October 16 - 23, 2026

Final Seminar November 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attendance in this course is mandatory – seminars and practicum hours.
All assignments must be completed.

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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 https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/polytechnic-leadership/policies-directory.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available

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