

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
CD1110
CHILD/FAMILY RELATIONS

Credits: 2

HOURS: 30

SEMESTER: WINTER, 1991 (15 WEEKS)

INSTRUCTOR: _____

PHONE: _____

PREREQUISITE: None

TEXT: Families in Canadian Society: An Introduction, Maureen Baker

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A study of the historical, cultural, and social influences on Canadian families. Contemporary issues, the effects on young children and the role of the caregiver will be examined through discussion and research.

COURSE OUTLINE REVISED: _____

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COMPETENCIES

COMPETENCY 1

Students will become aware of historical and current family lifestyles in Canada.

COMPETENCY 2

Students will be able to outline the functions of a family and the way the family meets the primary and secondary needs of its members.

COMPETENCY 3

Students will identify factors which influence the relationships of family members.

COMPETENCY 4

Students will demonstrate an awareness of personal attitudes and biases in relationship to their perception of what constitutes a nurturing family.

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COMPETENCY 1

Students will become aware of historical and current family lifestyles in Canada.

Sub-topics

1. Historical perspectives:
 - a) industrialization and urbanization
 - b) child in history
 - c) changing attitudes and values
2. Contemporary family structures:
 - a) family life cycle
 - b) family structures
 - single parent families
 - blended families
 - nuclear and extended families
 - gay and lesbian families

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COMPETENCY 2

Students will be able to outline the functions of a family and the way the family meets the primary and secondary needs of its members.

Sub-topics

1. The functions of families
2. Socialization of children
 - a) agents of socialization
 - b) consequences of socialization (male & female roles)
 - c) trends
3. The nurturing family

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COMPETENCY 3

Students will identify factors which influence the relationships of family members.

Sub-topics

1. Childrearing
 - a) parenting styles
 - b) cultural differences
2. Issues in family dynamics
 - a) divorce, remarriage
 - b) family violence
 - c) death
 - d) poverty
 - e) addictions
3. Community support services

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COMPETENCY 4

Students will demonstrate an awareness of personal attitudes and biases in relationship to their perception of what constitutes a nurturing family.

Sub-topics

1. Changing expectations of marriage and family life.
2. Marriage and family strengths
 - a) marital strengths
 - b) characteristics of happy families