

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2023

CD1145 (EC): Practicum II – 5 (0-2-32) 256 Hours for 12 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: | By appointment | | |

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This is normally an eight-week practicum in an early childhood setting. Students will have the opportunity to apply theory to practice in their work with young children. Students will spend time in the Children's Centre demonstration program as a component of this practicum and will attend weekly seminars throughout the practicum weeks.

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PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: CD1020, CD1045, CD1100, CD1350, CD1370 and CD2070 or consent of the Department. Students who choose to complete a workplace practicum in a school age care program must complete CD2120 as a prerequisite. Notes: 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. Students must successfully complete CD1350 immediately prior to taking CD1145 or have consent of the Department.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: CD1145 Regional Practicum Booklet

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course introduces students to:

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LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon completion students will:

1. The student will demonstrate increasing skills in developing a positive rapport with the children in the program.
2. The student will demonstrate increasing skill in interacting with children in a nurturing, supportive manner.
3. The student will begin to demonstrate skills in effectively guiding children's behavior.
4. The student will demonstrate the ability to interact with individual and small groups of children with a growing awareness of how to facilitate, extend, and enrich children's play in a variety of play areas.
5. The student will demonstrate the ability to effectively plan, implement and evaluate experiences based on the **observed** developmental needs and interests of the children.
6. The student will demonstrate the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate learning centres based on the **observed** developmental needs and interests of the children.
7. The student will begin to demonstrate skills in planning and carrying out group times (when applicable) based on the **observed** developmental needs and interests of the children.
8. The student will demonstrate an awareness of the nutritional, health and safety needs of young children.
9. The student will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively and work collaboratively with other adults.
10. The student will demonstrate professional behavior.

TRANSFERABILITY:

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

**** 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: Midterm/final evaluations completed, feedback provided for each instructor supervision visit, planning sheets, and logbook entries.

GRADING CRITERIA: The credit/no credit grading system is used to determine the final course grade. Attendance is mandatory and students must successfully fulfill all observation and seminar requirements to receive credit in this course. This includes completing a variety of planned experiences with young children and tasks must be completed as specified by the instructor.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Course Start Date: May 1, 2023

Course End Date: July 28, 2023

Course Mid Term Date: June 15, 2023

Final Assignment Submission Date: July 20, 2023

| Log Book Entry | Due Date: |
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| #1 Practicum Info | Thurs, May 11/23 |
| Practicum Placement Forms | Thurs, May 11/23 |
| #2 Routines | Thurs, May 18/23 |
| #3 ECE Philosophy | Thurs, June 1/23 |
| #4 Challenges | Thurs, June 8/23 |
| Mid Term Evaluation Form | Thurs, June 15/23 |
| #5 Child Guidance | Thurs, June 29/23 |
| #6 Environments | Thurs, June 6/23 |
| #7 Reflections | Thurs, July 13/23 |
| Final Evaluation Form | Thurs, July 20/23 |

| Seminar Zoom Conference Topic: | Date & Time: |
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| #1 Practicum Expectations | Zoom Cloud Recording |
| #2 Planned Experiences | Sun May 7/23 7:30 pm |
| #3 Routines and Transitions | Sun May 28/23 7:30 pm |
| #4 Understanding Behaviors | Sun June 11/23 7:30 pm |

| Seminar Discussion Topic: | Closing Date: |
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| #1 Ice Breaker | Thurs, May 4/23 |
| #2 ECE Philosophies | Thurs, May 25/23 |
| #3 Early Learning Environments | Thurs, June 22/23 |
| #4 Practicum Reflection | Thurs, July 13/23 |

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: College expects students' conduct to be in accordance with basic rights and responsibilities. Please refer to NWPolytech calendar regarding rights and responsibilities.

Students are required to ensure an understanding of the expectations provided in the Regional Practicum Handbook. Students must adhere to the Guiding Principles and Value set forth in the handbook and complete the tasks outlined in the handbook. Students must complete task by due dates provided by the instructor.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>

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

Additional Information:

Students are required to complete the following tasks:

256 hours in early learning childhood setting, 11 Planned Experiences, 3-4 Instructor Supervision Visits, 8 Seminar Discussions, and evaluations (Mid-term and Final).

Students must have half, or more than half of the tasks completed, and the mid-term evaluation must be submitted on or before the mid-term date. All tasks must be completed and submitted on or before the final submission date. Any reasons for absence during a Seminar Discussion or Observations visit must be communicated and amended prior to the time it commences.