

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
CD 1350
SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S PLAY

Semester: Winter 2003
Credits: 3
Credit Hours: 45

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Dates: January 6, 2003 to February 21, 2003

Days: Monday & Thursday
Times: 9:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Portable B

Course Description: Child-centered play-based approaches to working with young children are examined. Program components including routines, learning centers, materials and experiences that support children's learning through play will be discussed.

Prerequisites: CD 1011 or consent of the Department.

Text: TBA

Additional Materials and Expenses: Students will incur expenses related to assignments, display materials and learning center props.

Objectives: On completion of this course, you will be able to:

- discuss how play nurtures the child's development
- describe the influences of routines and transitions, learning centers and play materials in facilitating children's development
- select appropriate play materials and plan experiences that best support children's play and development
- demonstrate an understanding of emergent curriculum
- demonstrate program planning skills which reflect the philosophy of emergent curriculum

Teaching Methods: Lectures will incorporate observations, collaborative projects, and AV materials.

Grading Policy: In order to pass this course, a final grade of 4 (50 %) must be obtained. The course will be based on:

Assignments:	85%
Participation, attendance, self & peer evaluation:	15%

Assignments: An assignment package will be provided.

