

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
CD2130
ISSUES & OPTIONS IN CHILDCARE**

CREDITS: 2

HOURS: 30

SEMESTER: II

INSTRUCTOR: _____

PHONE: _____

TEXT: _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Issues and Options in Childcare provides the student with an overview of a wide range of topics related to childcare, career opportunities, and out-of-school care. The student will gain an understanding of federal and provincial child care programmes, lobbying and professionalism, career opportunities, and child care options.

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COMPETENCIES

COMPETENCY 1

The student will be familiar with the legislation, policy, and finances involved in operating a daycare centre.

COMPETENCY 2

The student will be familiar with lobbying methods, political process, addressing public concerns, and organizations for early childhood professionals.

COMPETENCY 3

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COMPETENCY 4

The student will become familiar with legislation, and policy funding philosophy, and characteristics of Out-of-School Care programmes.

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Sub-topics:

1. History of development of daycare services in Canada.
2. Canada's childcare policy.
3. Alberta daycare legislation and policy.
4. Childcare operating budgets and financial contributions from the Alberta Government (ie. operating allowances, administration fees, and subsidy).
5. Impact of legislation, policy and financial contributions on quality care including staff wages.

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COMPETENCY 2

The student will become familiar with lobbying methods, political process, addressing public concerns, and organizations for early childhood professionals.

Sub-topics:

1. Effective lobbying techniques including issue identification, campaigning, and addressing consequences.
2. Political process including lines of authority, government advisory and appeal committees, and dockets.
3. Federal and provincial organizations for professional support (ie. CCDCF, AAYC, ECPAA).

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COMPETENCY 3

The student will be familiar with the different types of childcare options and governing models for non-profit centres and private centres.

Sub-topics:

1. Definition, advantages and disadvantages of the following types of childcare services:
 - Private Daycare Services
 - Non-Profit Daycare Services
 - Parent Cooperatives
 - Licensed Family Day Homes
 - Satellite Family Day Home Programmes
 - Work Daycare Services
 - Nannies
2. Structure and responsibilities of governing bodies.
3. Potential management-employee problems and possible solutions.

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COMPETENCY 4

Students will become familiar with legislation, and policy funding philosophy, and characteristics of out-of-school care programmes.

Sub-topics:

1. Purpose and philosophy of out-of-school care programmes.
2. Legislation, policy and funding of out-of-school care programmes.
3. Developmental characteristics of children ages 6-12 years.
4. Out-of-school care environment, including age related interests and appropriate programming.