



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
COURSE OUTLINE - WINTER 2016  
HS 1217 LANGUAGE AND LITERACY 2(4-0-0)

*To be recognized for educational excellence in the fields of early learning & childcare and educational assistant training.*

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**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** This course explores children's expressive and receptive language development as well as their construction of knowledge about the reading and writing process. Students will examine ways in which preschool environments can support children in their attempts to understand and use the language system of their society. This course provides students with a solid foundation for facilitating pre-school children's development in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** None

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:** *Learning Language and Loving It, A Guide to Promoting Children's Social, Language, and Literacy Development In Early Childhood Settings.* 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2002, Elaine Weitzman and Janice Greenberg.

Readings will also be available on Moodle.

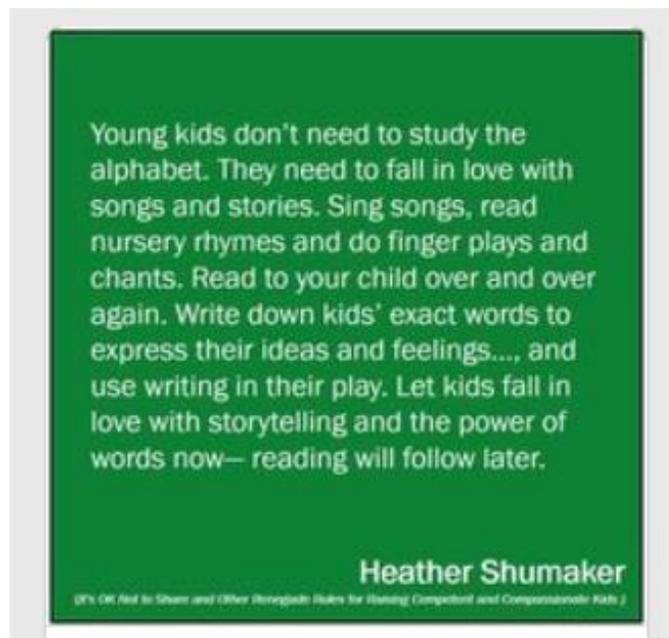
**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Class instruction will be a combination of lecture, class discussion and small group work.

## OBJECTIVES:

Students will gain an understanding of language and literacy in terms of development and milestones, theories, practices, and best ways of supporting children as they develop.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES/ Students will:

1. Identify the knowledge and skills young children must acquire to learn the oral language system of their culture.
2. Discuss the nativist, behaviourist and social-interactionist theories of language development.
3. Recognize the developmental milestones and stages of language development from birth to 8 years of age.
4. Identify and describe developmentally appropriate communication strategies used to support the development of children's expressive and receptive language skills.
5. Identify best practices used by educators to support and promote children's emergent literacy skills.
6. Recognize the knowledge skills and attitudes that children must acquire to become competent readers and writers.
7. Examine the stages children go through in learning to read and write.



## TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information

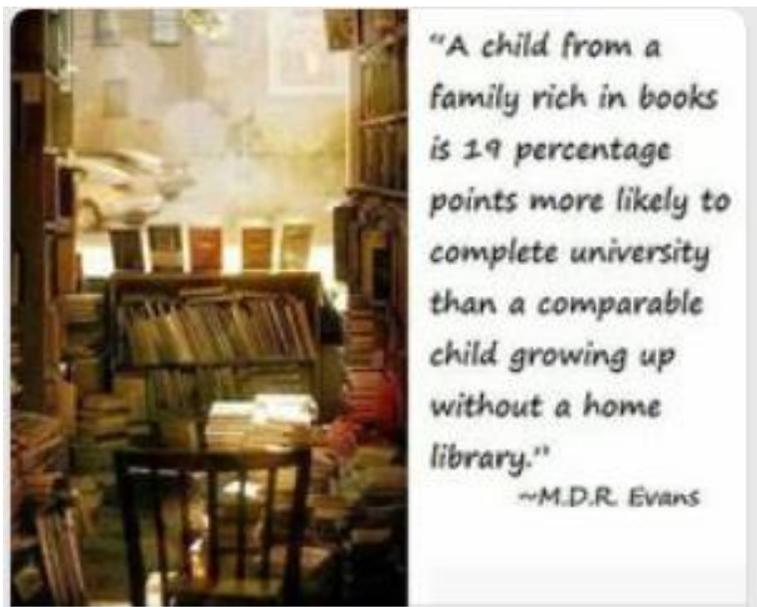
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## GRADING CRITERIA:

In order to obtain credit for this course, students must achieve a minimum of a "C-"

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is less than C-. This means **DO NOT GET LESS THAN "C-" IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY.**

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	F		59-0
B	3.0	73-76			
B-	2.7	70-72			



## EVALUATIONS (How do you get marks):

<b>Assignment 1</b>	Language Facilitations Strategies	20%	February 3
<b>Assignment 2</b>	Emergent Literacy	20%	March 10
<b>Quizzes</b>	<i>Study questions will be provided</i>	40%	February 10 March 16
<b>Attendance/in class assignments/participation</b>		20%	

**ALL assignments must be completed in order to receive credit in the course.**

**Assignments are due by 12 midnight on the day they are due. There is no "late policy", assignments are to be handed in when they are due. If you anticipate or experience "situations" please contact me.**

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is the right of the student and of the instructor to a favorable learning/teaching environment. It is the responsibility of the student and the instructor to engage in appropriate adult behaviors that positively support learning. This includes, but is not limited to treating others with dignity and respect. Cell phones are to be used outside of class time.

It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the basic student rights and responsibilities found in the College calendar. Students are responsible for missed class times, including the gathering of resources handed out during class.

### 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 Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at [www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/\\*\\*](http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/**)

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

### COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

*Please see attached for course schedule (note, the schedule is tentative and subject to revision).*