

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Early Childhood Education 204 Developing Language and Literacy in Early Childhood
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Wright, Cabell, Duke, and Souto-Manning. *Literacy Learning for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers: Key Practices for Educators*. NAEYC
- D. Prerequisites: Enrollment in or completion of ECE 102 Principles of Early Childhood Education or consent of ECE coordinator

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The student will understand the foundation of early language and literacy as well as examine techniques for facilitating early language and literacy development in children from birth to age eight.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES (CDA1-5 hours, CDA2-30 hours, CDA7-5 hours, CDA8-5 hours)

- A. Define literacy and emergent early literacy
- B. Describe and define the development continuum of reading and writing and ways of assessing children's language development and literacy writing
- C. Describe the teacher's role in promoting language and literacy
- D. Create a literacy environment for children by planning an engaging curriculum to support language and literacy in young children
- E. Describe ways of involving families in supporting language and literacy in young children
- F. Analyze and select appropriate literature and other learning materials for diverse learners, and respond to individual cultural and linguistic variation between children
- G. Engage children in learning the code of language

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Impact and characteristics of literacy-rich activities and environment for young children
- B. Developing oral language
- C. Reading aloud to children
- D. Building phonological awareness
- E. Literacy throughout the curriculum
- F. Building partnerships: helping parents promote literacy

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Application assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Quizzes and exams

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Projects
- E. Quizzes