

Reese Campus

Course Syllabus

Course: **CDEC 1359-151 ~ Children with Special Needs**
 Semester: Spring 2021
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General Course Information

Course Description

This course includes a survey of information regarding children with special needs including possible causes and characteristics of exceptionalities, intervention strategies, available resources, referral processes, the advocacy role and legislative issues.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:	*See attached NAEYC Associate Standards*	NAEYC Standards
Summarize causes, incidence, and characteristics of exceptionalities related to domains of development		S1 S4 S6
Discuss current terminology and practices for intervention strategies		
Identify appropriate community resources and referrals for individual children and families		
Review legislation and legal mandates and their impact on practices and environment		
Use various types of materials and resources, including current technology, to support learning in all domains for all children		

Course Objectives

- 1. Summarize causes, incidence and characteristics of exceptionalities related to the domains of development. (C5,6)(F1,2)**
 - a. Define areas of exceptionality and special education.
 - b. Identify exceptionality as to genetic and/or environmental causes.
 - c. Discuss prevalence and/or incidence of different categories of exceptionalities.
 - d. Describe possible signs or characteristics of each area of exceptionality.
- 2. Discuss current terminology and practices for intervention strategies. (C7)(F6,7)**
 - a. Explain how children develop an awareness of similarities and differences.
 - b. Describe learning experiences that promote children's appreciation and respect for all individuals and groups.
 - c. Describe available screening and assessment instruments.
 - d. Discuss classification and labeling of children with special needs.
 - e. Identify individuals and their roles in developing and implementing educational and family service plans.
 - f. Discuss integration of goals from Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Individualized Transition Plans (ITPs) and Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) into daily activities and routines.
- 3. Identify appropriate community resources and referrals for individual children and families. (C4,9,11) (F9)**
 - a. Identify common needs and challenges facing families caring for children with special needs.
 - b. Gather information on resources available in the community.
 - c. Analyze the cultural implications and their impact on services to children with special needs
 - d. Discuss the referral process.
- 4. Review legislation and legal mandates and their impact on practices and environments. (C7,15)(F12)**
 - a. Discuss history and impact of legislation affecting children with special needs.
 - b. Describe impact of landmark court cases on services for children with special needs.

5. Explain the role of advocacy for children with special needs and their families. (C4) (F13,17)
 - a. Identify agencies that advocate for children with special needs and their families.
 - b. Discuss the importance of advocating on behalf of children with special needs and their families.
 - c. Explain how the codes of ethical conduct apply to professional practice.
6. Use materials and resources, including current technology, to support learning in all domains for all children. (C14,18,19) (F7,9,11)
 - a. Plan environments and experiences to meet individual needs of all children.
 - b. Describe appropriate equipment and materials, to meet special needs of children.

Evaluation Methods

- ✓ Regular class attendance
- ✓ Participation in class activities and discussion
- ✓ Written Assignments: Book Review & Research Paper
- ✓ Exams

Academic Integrity

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Plagiarism - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

This is especially important for research paper assignment. Plagiarism = no credit!

SCANS & Foundation Skills ~ Refer also to Course Objectives.

Basic Skills	Personal Qualities	Information	Systems
Thinking Skills	Resources	Interpersonal	Technology

Verification of Workplace Competencies

Students will complete a research project on a specific disability, including strategies for meeting the needs of a child with that disability in an inclusive early childhood setting. Research paper will be included in student's professional portfolio.

Specific Course Information

Text and Materials



Allen, K.E. & Cowdery, G.E. (2015).

The Exceptional Child: Inclusion in Early Childhood Education (8th Edition).

Cengage

ISBN-13: 978-1285432373

Suggested: 3-ring notebook for study guides, class notes, handouts, etc.

Computer requirements: It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that they have the necessary computer resources and skills to take this class. Students are not required to purchase their own computer, but must have access to one that meets specifications. Computer labs are available for student use on Levelland, Lubbock, & Reese campuses.

Anti-virus Software: Please make sure that your computer has an up-to-date antivirus software program installed.

Programs: **Microsoft Word** and **Adobe Reader** (free download at <http://get.adobe.com>)

Attendance Policy

Students in this course attend class online. "Attendance" will include logging into the course **2-3 times per week** and completing assignments, as documented through the Blackboard system.

In cases of excessive absence, or failure to complete assignments, students should consider withdrawing from the course to protect overall GPA. **Last day to drop classes is April 29, 2021.**

Assignment Policy

- In this class, weekly content will **OPEN on Tuesday** and be **CLOSE on Monday** at midnight.
- Weekly assignments will be typed in **Discussion**.
- Larger written assignments will be submitted as attachments, through Blackboard **Course Messages**. (not SPC email)
- All assignments should be typed, saved and labeled as given in the directions.

For example:

- Type paper in Word document.
 - Save as docx. Or pdf
 - Label as "Book Review-your initials"
 - Send as attachment in Course Messages
- Late papers will have 10% subtracted each week, up to two weeks. Assignments will NOT be accepted after the 2-week limit, unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.



Please do not wait until the last minute to turn in assignments, or you may have problems. Remember the saying, "Technology happens!"

Exam Policy

- ✓ Exams will be taken in Blackboard, within a window of time ~ Example: Saturday 8:00 am – Sunday midnight.
- ✓ Exams must be taken in one sitting, within the given amount of time (Example: 60 minutes).
- ✓ Instructor reserves the right to administer exam in proctored setting, should it be deemed necessary.

Grading Policy - Grades in this course will be determined using the following criteria:

Attendance & Participation	250 points
Discussion & Replies (150)	
Quizzes (100)	
Exams (3@100)	300 points
Book Review	150 points
Research Assignments (5@20)	100 points
Research Paper	200 points
	1000 points

Final grades as follows:		
900 -- 1000	90%	A
800 -- 899	80%	B
750 -- 799	75%	C
700 -- 749	70%	D
699 & Below		F

A grade of "C" or above is required for course to be applied to Child Development degree or certificate.

Communication Policy

All communication in this course should take place in Blackboard. If Blackboard system is down, SPC email may be used.

Student Conduct

Students are expected to abide by the standards of conduct as defined in the SPC Student Guide. Please refer to the online publication for full information, and see signature page at the end of this syllabus.

Campus Carry

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: (http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php) Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

COURSE OUTLINE

A An Inclusive Approach to Early Education

- 1) Changing attitudes
- 2) Definitions
- 3) Benefits
- 4) Challenges

B Federal Legislation

- 1) Social and political factors
- 2) PL 94-142 & PL 99-457
- 3) IDEA
- 4) Prevention legislation

C Inclusive Programs for Young Children

- 1) Features of quality programs
- 2) Essential elements of inclusive programs
Birth to age 2, Ages 3-5, Ages 6-8

D Developmental Disabilities: Causes & Classifications

- 1) Causes of developmental problems
- 2) Poverty – (re: developmental disabilities)
- 3) Labeling – arguments for and against
- 4) Categories of disabling conditions

E Sensory Impairments: Vision

- 1) Impact on development
- 2) Warning signs of vision loss
- 3) Early interventions programs
- 4) Teacher strategies

F Sensory Impairments: Hearing

- 1) Impact on development
- 2) Warning signs of hearing loss
- 3) Early interventions programs
- 4) Teacher strategies

G Physical Disabilities

- 1) Definitions and examples
- 2) Effect on early development
- 3) Teacher roles

H Health Problems

- 1) Definitions and examples
- 2) Effects on early development
- 3) Teacher roles

I Learning & Behavior Disorders

- 1) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- 2) Learning Disabilities
- 3) Behavior disorders
- 4) Pervasive developmental disorders
- 5) Eating and elimination disorders
- 6) Diagnosis and labeling issues

J Assessment & the IFSP/IEP Process

- 1) Process of assessment
- 2) Teacher roles
- 3) Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- 4) Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

K Facilitating Skill Development

- 1) Self-Care & Independence Skills
- 2) Social Development
- 3) Speech, Language, Communication
- 4) Preacademic & Cognitive Learning

L Managing Challenging Behaviors

- 1) Developmentally normal deviations
- 2) Goodness of fit
- 3) Behavior plans / teacher strategies

ACCOMMODATIONS

Diversity Statement

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disabilities Statement

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Coordinator of Disability Services. For more information visit the Disability Services Office at Reese Center, Building 8, or call 806-716-4654.

Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

SCANS Competencies

RESOURCES

C-1 **TIME** - Selects goal - relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-2 **MONEY** - Uses or prepares budgets, makes forecasts, keeps records and makes adjustments to meet objectives.

C-3 **MATERIALS AND FACILITIES** - Acquires, stores, allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 **HUMAN RESOURCES** - Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

INFORMATION - Acquires and Uses Information

C-5 Acquires and evaluates information.

C-6 Organizes and maintains information.

C-7 Interprets and communicates information.

C-8 Uses computers to process information.

INTERPERSONAL—Works with Others

C-9 Participates as members of a team and contributes to group effort.

C-10 Teaches others new skills.

C-11 Serves Clients/Customers—works to satisfy customer's expectations.

C-12 Exercises Leadership—communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 Negotiates—works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 Works with Diversity—works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

SYSTEMS—Understands Complex Interrelationships

C-15 Understands Systems—knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 Monitors and Corrects Performance—distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 Improves or Designs Systems—suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

TECHNOLOGY—Works with a Variety of Technologies

C-18 Selects Technology—chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 Applies Technology to Task—understands overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 Maintains and Troubleshoots Equipment—prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.

Foundations Skills

BASIC SKILLS—Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks

F-1 Reading – locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 Writing – communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 Arithmetic – performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 Mathematics – approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 Listening – receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 Speaking – organizes ideas and communicates orally.

THINKING SKILLS—Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn & Reason

F-7 Creative Thinking – generates new ideas.

F-8 Decision-Making – specifies goals & constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates & chooses best alternative.

F-9 Problem Solving – recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye – organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 Knowing How to Learn – uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.

F-12 Reasoning – discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

PERSONAL QUALITIES—Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty

F-13 Responsibility – exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 Self-Esteem – believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 Sociability – demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 Self-Management – assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 Integrity/Honesty – chooses ethical courses of action.

National Association for the Education of Young Children Standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation

STANDARD 1. PROMOTING CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

1a: Knowing and understanding young children's characteristics and needs, from birth through age 8.

1b: Knowing and understanding the multiple influences on early development and learning

1c: Using developmental knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environments for young children

STANDARD 2. BUILDING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

2a: Knowing about and understanding diverse family and community characteristics

2b: Supporting and engaging families and communities through respectful, reciprocal relationships

2c: Involving families and communities in young children's development and learning

STANDARD 3. OBSERVING, DOCUMENTING, AND ASSESSING TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

3a: Understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment – including its use in development of appropriate goals, curriculum, and teaching strategies for young children

3b: Knowing about and using observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches, including the use of technology in documentation, assessment and data collection.

3c: Understanding and practicing responsible assessment to promote positive outcomes for each child, including the use of assistive technology for children with disabilities.

3d: Knowing about assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues to build effective learning environments

STANDARD 4. USING DEVELOPMENTALLY EFFECTIVE APPROACHES

4a: Understanding positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with young children

4b: Knowing and understanding effective strategies and tools for early education, including appropriate uses of technology

4c: Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching /learning approaches

4d: Reflecting on own practice to promote positive outcomes for each child

STANDARD 5. USING CONTENT KNOWLEDGE TO BUILD MEANINGFUL CURRICULUM

5a: Understanding content knowledge and resources in academic disciplines: language and literacy; the arts – music, creative movement, dance, drama, visual arts; mathematics; science, physical activity, physical education, health and safety; and social studies.

5b: Knowing and using the central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines

5c: Using own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate developmentally meaningful and challenging curriculum for each child.

STANDARD 6. BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL

6a: Identifying and involving oneself with the early childhood field

6b: Knowing about and upholding ethical standards and other early childhood professional guidelines

6c: Engaging in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice; using technology effectively with young children, with peers, and as a professional resource.

6d: Integrating knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on early education

6e: Engaging in informed advocacy for young children and the early childhood profession

STANDARD 7. EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD EXPERIENCES

7a. Opportunities to observe & practice in at least two of the three early childhood age groups (birth–3, 3-5, 5-8)

7b. Opportunities to observe and practice in at least two of the three main types of early education settings (early school grades, child care centers and homes, Head Start programs)

NAEYC SUPPORTIVE SKILLS

Supportive Skill #1: Self-assessment and self-advocacy

Supportive Skill #2: Mastering and applying foundational concepts from general education

Supportive Skill #3: Written and verbal communication skills

Supportive Skill #4: Making connections between prior knowledge/experience and new learning

Supportive Skill #5: Identifying and using professional resources



- I have reviewed the syllabus for this course and understand the requirements as described.
- I am familiar with the South Plains College **Student Guide** and agree to follow the code of conduct as given in the guide.

Signature _____ Date _____ Course _____