

**MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM**

ECE 176: Health, Safety and Nutrition for the Young Child- Online

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Credits: 3

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(Use e-mail only if Blackboard is down).

Text

1. Supplemental material will be used for this course

Suggested text for further reading/information:

2. Robertson, C. Safety, Nutrition and Health in Early Education (6th Edition). Cengage Learning. (2016)

Course Description:

This course provides an overview of the relationship between health, safety, and nutrition with child development. Emphasis will be on the strategies needed to implement a safe, healthy and nutritionally sound program. Community agencies and resources that support children and families 'safety, health, and nutrition will be explored.

Course Objectives

- Discuss the interrelationship of health, safety and nutrition in an early childhood education environment.
- Develop skills necessary to plan and implement health, safety, and nutrition experiences and to integrate these experiences into daily curriculum.
- Explore various agencies, organizations and websites that can be utilized as resources and referrals for health, safety and nutrition issues for children, families and teachers.
- Practice teacher health appraisals of young children, identify, and discuss first aid practices for common and acute illnesses and injuries.
- Plan and analyze nutritionally balanced menus for young children (appropriate feeding of infants, toddlers and preschoolers) using the CACFP guidelines.

Examine all developmental areas (physical, personal/social, cognitive and creativity) and discuss skills that can be enhanced in each area of development during snack and lunch time.

Course Outcomes:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- Understand and discuss how health, safety and nutrition are interrelated.
- Discuss ways that teachers can be proactive in promoting children’s wellness in the areas of injury prevention, dental health, physical activity and mental health.
- Perform a daily children’s health check.
- Name and describe the symptoms and management strategies for common medical conditions that children experience.
- Describe safety practices that teachers should implement in the classroom and outdoors to safeguard children.
- Identify two forms of negligence and discuss steps teachers can take to protect themselves from such charges.
- Know and observe management of childhood injuries and acute illnesses.
- Know and explain the significance of Public Law 93-247
- Understand the Food Guide Pyramid, and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- Discuss the major role that each food group plays in promoting healthy growth, development and learning.
- Review Connecticut Child Care Nutrition Standards.
- Describe guidelines for feeding infants, toddlers and preschoolers.
- Plan snacks for toddlers, preschoolers and school –aged children that meet their nutritional requirements.
- Review CSDE Action Guide for Child Care Nutrition Policies.

Course Content:

The following topics will be covered:

- Interrelationships of Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Safety Management
- Creating quality environments
- Nutrition in Early Childhood Education
- Promoting Good Health Habits
- Health Appraisals
- Stress in young children
- Health assessment tools
- Conditions affecting children’s health
- Communicable and acute illnesses: identification and management
- Management of injuries and acute illness
- Child abuse and neglect
- Nutrients that provide energy, regulate body functions and growth of body tissues
- Infant, toddler, preschooler feeding
- National and State Nutrition Policies and Guidelines

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/GRADING GRID/DESCRIPTION GRADING

	Items	Points
A	Weekly Discussion (5x30 points for each completed activity).	150
B	<u>Journal Reflection question</u> (5x40 points each)	200
C	Nutrition Activity One Week Menu Preparation	250
D	Social Story	200
E	List of Children’s Books used for introducing Children to Health, Safety, and Nutrition topics.	200
	Total	1000

Total # of points/Letter Grade

A =1000-950 B+ =899-850 C+ =749-700 D+= 599-550 F 450-0
A- =949-900 B = 849-800 C= 699-650 D = 549-500
B- =799-750 C- =649-600 D- =499-450

Course Requirements/Description

A. Discussion Boards:(5 at 30 Points Each)

Every week you are responsible for posting an initial response thread in the discussion link located in the course menu. You will also need to respond to someone else’s thread. (You may respond to more than one if you wish). The initial thread must respond directly to the discussion question posted. (More information about discussion boards will be found in the discussion board link).

B. Journals: (200 Points)

There will be a total of 5 journals for the course. Each week there will be one journal question that you will respond too. These will be only seen by me.

C. Nutrition Activity: (250 Points)

- Students will prepare a one week menu for children. Using the CACFP guidelines and the menu planning checklist plan a one week (M-F) preschool age menu for breakfast (morning snack), lunch, and snack.
- Make sure you are meeting the correct nutritional guidelines for each meal as well as variety, texture, color, and presentation.
List the serving sizes of the foods included in the menu depending on the age of children
- This activity/assignment should be displayed in a calendar format listing the days of the week and the foods served at the various times throughout the day.

D. Social Story: (150 Points)

Create a social story that will aid students in a daily routine. Social stories can be used for regular or special education students to teach them appropriate behavior or action and what steps to do the actions in. The social story should involve a step by step guide to a safety, sanitation or personal hygiene routines.

E. List of Children’s Books used for introducing Health, Safety, and Nutrition Topics: (150 Points)

Students are to research 10 children’s books that deal with health, safety, and nutrition as topics. Make sure you name the book, author, and illustrator. Give a brief summary of each book. Explain what age group this book is appropriate for. Also include how the author/illustrator uses the words/pictures to get children interested in the topic. Your list needs to include books from the above categories listed. (At least two for each).

Instructor's Expectations of Students/ NOTE FOR ALL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Students are responsible for reading the syllabus, assignments, and materials.
2. All written course work must be typed with 12-size font and double-spaced. and include Standard English Practices. These include: spelling and punctuation, capitalization, sentence and paragraph structure, grammar, clarity of expression, and organization.
3. **All assignments are due on the dates indicated. Assignments will not be accepted after the due date unless the instructor has been consulted prior to the due date.**

All biographic notations of other sources reviewed to complete assignments, or cited in the report must be acknowledged in the reference list. Use APA or MLA format in writing your references. See websites below.

APA http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/images/customer-files/L_PDF/APA.pdf

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- Secondary Title IX Coordinator
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Weekly Course Outline

Weeks	Topics and Weekly Chapter Readings	Readings and Assignments/Activities
Week 1 6/29/16- 7/5/16	<p><u>Introduction to Health, Safety and Nutrition topics</u></p> <p>-How parenting can be affected by wealth, poverty and living in a multicultural society.</p> <p>-Children See, Children Do video clip</p>	<p><u>Discussion Post #1</u></p> <p><u>Journal # 1</u></p> <p><u>All assignments due on 7/5/16 by 11:59pm</u></p>
Week 2 7/6/16- 7/12/16	<p><u>Safety In Early Childhood</u></p> <p>-New safety measures- lockdowns in preschool</p> <p>-Stranger Danger</p>	<p><u>Discussion Post #2</u></p> <p><u>Journal #2</u></p> <p><u>All assignments due on 7/12/16 by 11:59pm</u></p>
Week 3 7/13/16 7/19/16	<p><u>Nutrition in Early Childhood Education</u></p> <p>-Obesity Epidemic</p> <p>-Eating disorder in children</p>	<p><u>Discussion Post #3</u></p> <p><u>Journal #3</u></p> <p><u>Social story due</u></p> <p><u>All assignments due on 7/19/16 By 11:59pm.</u></p>
Week 4 7/20/16 7/26/16	<p><u>Health in Early Childhood Education Environments</u></p> <p>-over medicating preschoolers- ADHD</p>	<p><u>Discussion Post #4</u></p> <p><u>Journal #4</u></p> <p><u>Nutrition Activity Due!</u></p> <p><u>All assignments due on 7/26/16 by 11:59pm.</u></p>
Week 5 7/27/16- 8/3/16	<p><u>Current issue in Health, Safety and Nutrition</u></p> <p>-Is homework affecting your child's health?</p> <p>- Is sunscreen toxic?</p>	<p><u>Discussion Post #5</u></p> <p><u>Journal #5</u></p> <p><u>List of Children's Books</u></p> <p><u>All assignments due on 8/3/16 by 11:59pm.</u></p>