

**MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**ECE 231: Early Language and Literacy Development**  
**Instructor: Norma Rosado-Javier**

**Semester:** Spring 2018

**Class Time:** Thursday 6:35pm-9:05pm (Hybrid)

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**CRN# 1079 Credits: 3**

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**TEXT**

Machado, J. M. Early Childhood Experiences in Language Arts: Early Literacy (11<sup>th</sup> ed.)  
Cengage Learning Publisher, 2016

**Other required resources:**

**CTELDS and Preschool Assessment Framework, and Flipchart.** All available at:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde>, (Early Childhood link).

NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct: Supplement for Early Childhood Educators (2004)

Both are available from <http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements>

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An introduction to language and literacy development in the young child. The role of the early childhood environments for children from birth through eight years of age will be studied. Students will explore the early childhood language arts curriculum including speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills. The teacher's role and methods of creating a literacy-rich environment that engages children in creative, developmentally appropriate language-arts experiences will be examined. Students will create plans and materials for use with children. Various curricula materials and teaching methods will be considered. **Prerequisite: ECE\*101.**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

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

- Describe language development in young children.
- Explain the theories of language emergence and identify major factors that influence language development.
- Evaluate the role that environment plays in early language and literacy development for young children.
- Explain the role of play in language and literacy development.
- Select quality books and literacy-rich materials for young children.
- Develop a curriculum that promotes language and literacy.
- Develop a literacy-rich environment.

- Demonstrate suggested read-out-loud techniques for groups.
- Discuss print awareness and the relationship of sound to print.
- Identify phonemes, phonology awareness and alphabetic principle.
- Describe ways teachers/parents can work together to help children develop literacy skills and extend literacy into the home.
- Creatively/innovatively select, plan, implement and evaluate language arts activities (listening, reading speaking, technology and writing) that will promote language and literacy development in young children.
- Identify and examine levels of learning and domains of development for young children and their implications to language and literacy development.
- Identify and develop activities and techniques that will promote language and literacy acquisition for both English and non-English speaking young children.
- Identify developmentally appropriate ways to observe and assess early literacy development in young children.

#### Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Draw from various teaching strategies and be able to plan, implement and evaluate curriculum by using specific instructional techniques for reading, writing and literacy development.
- Use integrative strategies in curriculum planning.
- Effectively develop and plan learning centers that foster literacy development in young children's classroom.
- Focus on children's characteristics, needs and interests using research-based information.
- Address children's challenging behaviors, learn how to identify at-risk children in reading and writing, and how to develop different instructional strategies to support these children.
- Create linkage for child's language, culture and the preschool program
- Develop respect and understanding for the diverse families represented in the classroom.
- Foster social interactions among children to enhance language and literacy development while at the same time model appropriate language for the children.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS/GRADING GRID**

	<b>Items</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>A</b>	Bi-Weekly Class Participation and Blackboard Discussion Posts (7 discussion posts at 25 points each)	<b>175</b>
<b>B</b>	Article Critique/Reaction Paper	<b>250</b>
<b>C</b>	Book Selection Assignment/Read Aloud	<b>125</b>
<b>D</b>	Small Group Activity-Learning Experience Plan Activity/Implementation	<b>100</b>
<b>E</b>	Language and Literacy Presentation: Use of selected book, flannel board and storytelling kit. <b><u>(NAEYC Key Assessment Assignment)</u></b>	<b>350</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

**Total # of Points/Letter Grade**

1000-950 = A      898-848 = B+      745-695 = C+      592-542 = D+      439-0 = F  
 949-899 = A-      847-797 = B      694-644 = C      541-491 = D  
 796-746 = B-      643-593 = C-      490-440 = D-

**A. Weekly Class Participation/Bi-Weekly Blackboard Discussions (200 points)**

Students are responsible for coming to class when it meets on-ground in order to fulfill the class participation aspect of the course. Every other week, when the class meets online, you will be responsible for posting a Discussion Post in Blackboard 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 relate directly to the discussion question posted. (More information about discussion boards will be found in the discussion board link in Blackboard).

**B. Article Critique/Reaction Paper (250 points)**

Students will research an article pertaining to early language and literacy development in young children. The article should be from a credible source or NAEYC periodical eg: Young Children, Early Childhood Today, etc. You are responsible for summarizing the article and writing a two-page reflection on the information provided in the article. You will also be expected to do a five minute summary on the article in class.

**C. Book Selection Assignment/Read Aloud (100 points)**

Students will select an age-appropriate children's book to read to the class. Using a standard lesson plan format, the student will develop objectives for the plan, open-ended questions to ask during the implementation of the lesson, and overall moral/lesson of the story.

**D. Small Group Activity-Learning Experience Plan Activity/Implementation (100 points)**

- In a small group, students will present a lesson using books, educational materials, and center activities to enhance children's learning. Students will come up with a theme/lesson

and each group member will select a learning center. For each center, the group member assigned will provide literature, materials, and other learning activities (ex: games, art activities, cooking experiences, science, etc) to enhance children's learning and extend the concepts in the lesson.

- Each group is free to use artifacts, pictures, graphs, Venn Diagrams, etc to demonstrate and enhance their group's final work/presentation to the class.
- Each student is required to fully participate in this group assignment. Points will be assigned to the group as a whole as well as to each individual student's presentation.

**E. Language and Literacy Presentation: Use of selected book, flannel board and storytelling kit, newsletter and follow-up home/school activity (350 points) (NAEYC Key Assessment Assignment).**

Planning, Implementing, and Evaluating a Language and Literacy Activity in an early childhood education classroom. (Mock presentation-to be done in the classroom with peers).

This assignment has 4 parts as indicated below:

**Part I: Create an age appropriate Curriculum Web for a Classroom**

Students are required to use the Curriculum Web form used with the CTELDs (found in the website and copies will also be distributed in class). The form is used to plan weekly activities related to a chosen topic of study/theme for the week.

**Step 1:** Select 3 specific relevant and age appropriate standards from CTELDs. All 3 must be **color-coded** and written inside the big rectangular box in the center of the form.

**Step 2:** Identify and write at least 5 activities for each of the outside square boxes surrounding the rectangular box of the form. These boxes represent the different centers/activity areas in the classroom.

**Step 3:** Match each activity with your color coded performance standards/indicators selected.

**Part II: One Week Planned Calendar (Monday through Friday)**

After completing the Curriculum Web activities, students will plan one week activities by appropriately transferring the activities from the Web form to the Scheduling Calendar form. The Calendar must fit the classroom schedule. (See a one week calendar sample on page 14 of CTPAF).

**Part III: Book Selection/Storytelling Kit**

Students are required to choose a book related to the theme/selected standards for the lesson indicated. You are to design your own storytelling kit /puppets to use when reading the story. Make sure to have enough materials for the students in your group.

**Part IV: Newsletter/Follow-up Activity:**

After completing the lesson plan, students are required to creative and design a home-school-connection newsletter for the children's parents explaining your presentation and the objectives. You should include questions that parents can ask the children to get them to discuss the story and enhance their learning. In addition, include a follow-up activity that parents can do with their children at home to extend the lesson.

**Part V:** Write a 3 page reflection paper on the whole process. Explain in detail your choice for the activity, why you choose the specific CTELDs standards, identify and discuss how the different elements of language and literacy development are present in the activity, and your

overall impression of the literacy experience.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION STANDARDS:** Proper written communication is a vital professional skill. All written course work must include Standard English Practices. These include: spelling and punctuation, capitalization, sentence and paragraph structure, grammar, clarity of expression, and organization.

**NOTE FOR ALL ASSIGNMENTS:**

Assignments must be typed with **12-size font and double-spaced** and must be submitted on due dates. **No hand written work will be accepted. All assignments must creatively have cover page to include student's name, instructor's name, course title and number, course CRN#, clear assignment topic or heading, and submission date. All biographic notations of any articles, 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/customerfiles/L\\_PDF/APA.pdf](http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/images/customerfiles/L_PDF/APA.pdf)

**MLA** [http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/images/customer-files/L\\_PDF/MLA.pdf](http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/images/customer-files/L_PDF/MLA.pdf)

**Instructor's Expectations of Students in class:**

- A) **Class participation** is expected and is needed for small group activities. Many of the class activities involve small groups and are intended for students to engage in active learning.
- B) Students are responsible for all reading assignments and all materials covered in class.
- C) **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.
- D) **Please turn off or turn to vibrate cell phones upon entering the class. Refrain from texting during class as it can be a distraction/disrespectful to the instructor or other students.**

**MINIMUM STUDY TIME:** It is imperative that you study in order to learn the material. A general "rule of thumb" is that for every one hour you spend in class, you should spend a minimum of two hours studying for the class. You must spend time and learn the materials in the textbook, readings, and study class notes as well as material covered in course. Research shows that the more time a college student spends studying, the more the student learns.

## IMPORTANT COLLEGE POLICIES!! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

For information about the college's policies and procedures regarding academic honesty, accessibility/disability services, attendance, audio-recording in the classroom, grade appeals, plagiarism, religious accommodations, weather and emergency closings, and more, please go to the following website: [www.mxcc.edu/catalog/syllabus-policies/](http://www.mxcc.edu/catalog/syllabus-policies/) or scan the QR code with your smart phone. Also, please become familiar with the policies regarding nondiscrimination, sexual misconduct, and general student conduct at the following website: [www.mxcc.edu/nondiscrimination/](http://www.mxcc.edu/nondiscrimination/).



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*The following person has been designated to handle inquiries or complaints regarding non-discrimination policies and practices:*

- *Primary Title IX Coordinator  
Dr. Adrienne Maslin  
Dean of Students/Title IX and Section 504/ADA Coordinator  
amaslin@mxcc.edu; 860-343-5759; Founders Hall Room 123/*

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## COURSE OUTLINE

<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Topics/Chapters</b>	<b>Assignments/Readings</b>
Week 1 1/18/18 (On-ground)	Introduction/Ice Breaker Activity Syllabus Review Course Overview/Literacy Activity	Read Chapter 1-Beginning of Communication ( <b>Module 1</b> )
<b>Week 2</b> 1/25/18 (On-line) <b><u>Module 1</u></b>	<b><u>Section One: Language Development: Emerging Literacy in the Young Child</u></b>  Chapter 1-Beginnings of Communication	Read Chapters 2 and 3  <b><u>Discussion Board in Blackboard</u></b>
<b>Week 3</b> 2/1/18 (On-ground)	Chapter 2-The Tasks of the Toddler  Chapter 3-Preschool Years	Read Chapter 4-Understanding Differences ( <b>Module 2</b> )
<b>Week 4</b> 2/8/18 (On-line) <b><u>Module 2</u></b>	<b><u>Section Two: Language and Literacy Programs: Recognizing Diverse Needs and Goals</u></b> Chapter 4-Understanding Differences	Read Chapter 5  <b><u>Discussion Board in Blackboard</u></b>
<b>Week 5</b> 2/15/18 (On-ground)	Chapter 5-Achieving Language and Literacy Goals through Program Planning <b><u>Read Aloud Activity (5)</u></b>	Read Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 ( <b>Module 3</b> )
<b>Week 6</b> 2/22/18 (On-line) <b><u>Module 3</u></b>	Chapter 6-Promoting Language and Literacy Chapter 7-Developing Listening Skills	Read Chapters 8,9, and 10 (Module 3)  <b><u>Discussion Board in Blackboard</u></b>
Week 7 3/1/18 (On-ground)	<b><u>Section Three: Literature and Other Language Arts Areas</u></b> Chapter 8-Children and Books Chapter 9-Storytelling Chapter 10-Poetry <b><u>Read Aloud Activity (5)</u></b>	Read Chapter 11 ( <b>Module 4</b> )
<b>Week 8</b> 3/8/18 (On-line) <b><u>Module 4</u></b>	<b><u>Section Four: The Growth of Speech and Expression</u></b> Chapter 11-Language Growth through Flannel Boards, Puppetry, and Dramatization	<b><u>Article Critique due on 3/22/18</u></b>  <b><u>Discussion Board in Blackboard</u></b>
Week 9 3/15/18	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	



<b>Week 10</b> 3/22/18 (On-ground)	<u>Article Critique/Reaction Paper/</u> <u>Article summaries in class.</u>	Read Chapter 12 and 13 ( <b>Module 5</b> )
<b>Week 11</b> 3/29/18 (On-line) <b>Module 5</b>	Chapter 12-Realizing Speaking Goals  Chapter 13-Group Times	Read Chapter 14  <u>Discussion Board in Blackboard</u>
<b>Week 12</b> 4/5/18 (On-ground)	<b>Section Five: Writing and Reading:  Natural Companions</b> Chapter 14- Print-Early Knowledge & Emerging Interest  <u>Small Group Activity/Presentations</u>  <u>Read Aloud Activity (5)</u>	Read Chapter 15 ( <b>Module 6</b> )
<b>Week 13</b> 4/12/18 (On-line) <b>Module 6</b>	Chapter 15-Reading and Preschoolers	<u>Read Chapter 16</u>  <u>Discussion Board in Blackboard</u>
<b>Week 14</b> 4/19/18 (On-ground)	<b>Section 6: School and Home:  Environment, Families and  Partnerships</b> Chapter 16- Developing a Literacy Environment <u>Read Aloud Activity (5)</u>	Read Chapter 17 ( <b>Module 7</b> )
<b>Week 15</b> 4/26/18 (On-line) <b>Module 7</b>	Chapter 17- The Family-Center Partnership	<u>Discussion Board in Blackboard</u>
<b>Week 16</b> 5/3/18 (On-ground)	<b>Final Presentations:  NAEYC Key Assessment Assignment:  Language and Literacy Presentation  (10 Students)</b>	
<b>Week 17</b> <b>5/10/18</b> (On-ground)	<b>Final Presentations:  NAEYC Key Assessment Assignment:  Language and Literacy Presentation  (11 Students)</b>	