EDU 131 Child, Family, and Community

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: Take DRE 097

This course covers the development of partnerships between culturally, linguistically and ability diverse families, children, schools and communities through the use of evidence-based strategies. Emphasis is placed on developing skills and identifying benefits for establishing, supporting, and maintaining respectful, collaborative relationships between diverse families, programs/schools, and community agencies/resources reflective of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct. Upon completion, students should be able to identify appropriate relationship building strategies between diverse families, children, schools, and communities and demonstrate a variety of communication skills including appropriate use of technology to support every child.

Course Hours per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify appropriate relationship building strategies between diverse families, children, schools, and communities
2. Demonstrate a variety of communication skills including appropriate use of technology to support every child.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

1. Introduction to Families
   A. Learning about modern families
   B. Parenting
2. Teacher-Family Partnerships in Education
   A. Family Involvement
   B. Benefits of Family-Teacher Partnerships
   C. Potential Barriers to Successful Partnerships
   D. Foundations to Successful Partnerships
3. Developing Partnerships
   A. Establishing Relationships
   B. Communication Methods
   C. Conferences
   D. Home Visits
   E. Families in the Classroom
   F. Family Education
   G. Advocacy
   H. Community involvement
4. Making Partnerships Successful and Effective
   A. Working with Families from Diverse Backgrounds
   B. Working with Families in Diverse Circumstances
C. Working with Families in Challenging Situations and Circumstances

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:
Textbook: Home, School, and Community Relations, 9th edition

Author: Carol Gestwicki

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Publisher: Cengage Learning

Available free at NC Child Development and Early Education website (link opens in a new window)