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**ECD 106
OBSERVATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of a variety of observation skills and techniques for the purposes of achieving program goals and objectives, providing for individual needs, guiding children and designing environments. Appropriate methods are given for recording behavior in young children.

3 Credits (1.5 lect/pres, 1.5 lab, 0 other)
Prerequisite: ECD 101, RDG 100.

COURSE FOCUS

This course is designed to help students optimize their skills in different methods of observing children and using those skills to help children meet their full potential.

Text and References

Nilsen. *Week by Week: Plans for Documenting Children's Development*, 6th Edition. Delmar Cengage Learning, Belmont, CA., 2012. ISBN: 978-1-133-60557-7

COURSE GOALS

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Describe typical physical, social, emotional, language, and cognitive development of a child from conception to age 3. (NAEYC 1a, 1b, 4c)
2. Identify the influence of heredity and environment on the development of the child from conception to age 3. (NAEYC 1a, 1b)
3. Observe and record information that reflects interrelationships of the physical, social emotional, language, and cognitive domains of development of a child from 4 months to age 3. (NAEYC 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d)
4. Plan and implement age and individually appropriate activities for a child from 4 months to age 3, based on knowledge of developmental milestones. (NAEYC 1a, 1c, 4b, 4c, 4d)
5. Describe the importance of supportive adult relationships for children from birth through age 3. (NAEYC 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c)
6. Identify the South Carolina Early Learning Standard to support created lessons/activities for a child from 4 months to age 3. (NAEYC 4b, 4c, 4d)

Course Outcomes and Competencies:

Intended Course Outcome #1: Students will be able to document a child's development and learning. Course Competency 1a: Students will be able to document and describe children's characteristics and needs. Performance Measurement Instrument and Success criteria: Students will successfully complete an observation portfolio to include pertinent documents associated with a child between the age of 0 – 8 they have been observing.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION

For this course to run properly, the student is expected to be prepared for each class including, but not limited to, reading assignments, weekly lab observations and completing all assignments. Attendance is a great contributor to student success in this course.

COURSE EVALUATION

Specific Assignments: Grading

All assignments will be graded for accuracy. All assignments will be graded for accuracy. All assignments will be graded for accuracy. No late assignments will be accepted. All assignments are due via Blackboard and will only be graded using this method of submission.

Tests (1@200)	200
Weekly Journal Entry (13@15)	200
Child Portfolio Case Study	200
<u>Lab Observations/Assignments (13 @ 30 pts)</u>	<u>400</u>
Total:	1000

Grading Scale:

900 - 1000	A
800 - 899	B
700 - 799	C
600 - 699	D
599 or Below	F

COURSE SCHEDULE

This class meets for 1.5 lecture hours per week and 1.5 lab hours in various childcare settings per week.

ADA STATEMENT

The Technical College of the Lowcountry provides access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation, contact the counselor for students with disabilities at (843) 525-8228 during the first ten business days of the academic term.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

There is no tolerance at TCL for academic dishonesty and misconduct. The College expects all students to conduct themselves with dignity and to maintain high standards of responsible citizenship.

It is the student's responsibility to address any questions regarding what might constitute academic misconduct to the course instructor for further clarification.

The College adheres to the Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System. Copies of the Student Code and Grievance Procedure are provided in the *TCL Student Handbook*, the Division Office, and the Learning Resources Center.

ATTENDANCE

The College's statement of policy indicates that students must attend ninety percent of total class hours or they will be in violation of the attendance policy.

- Students not physically attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.
- Students taking an online/internet class must sign in **and** communicate with the instructor within the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester to indicate attendance in the class. Students not attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.
- Reinstatement requires the signature of the division dean.

In the event it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from the course **OR if a student stops attending class, it is the student's responsibility to initiate and complete the necessary paperwork.** Withdrawing from class may have consequences associated with financial aid and time to completion.

When a student exceeds the allowed absences, the student is in violation of the attendance policy. The instructor MUST withdraw the student with a grade of "W", "WP", or "WF" depending on the date the student exceeded the allowed absences and the student's progress up to the last date of attendance

or

under extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the faculty member teaching the class, allow the student to continue in the class and make-up the work. This exception must be documented at the time the allowed absences are exceeded.

Absences are counted from the first day of class. There are no "excused" absences. All absences are counted, regardless of the reason for the absence.

- A student must take the final exam or be excused from the final exam in order to earn a non-withdrawal grade.

A copy of TCL's STATEMENT OF POLICY NUMBER: 3-1-307 CLASS ATTENDANCE (WITHDRAWAL) is on file in the Division Office and in the Learning Resources Center.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER

In case weather conditions are so severe that operation of the College may clearly pose a hardship on students and staff traveling to the College, notification of closing will be made through the following radio and television stations: WYKZ 98.7, WGCO 98.3, WGZO 103.1, WFXH 106.1, WWVW 106.9, WLOW 107.9, WGZR 104.9, WFXH 1130 AM, WLVA 101.1, WSOK 1230 AM, WAEV 97.3, WTOC TV, WTGS TV, WJWJ TV, and WSAV TV. Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGE ALERT

Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. Participants receive immediate notification of emergency events and weather cancellations via text messaging on their cell phones. Participants can also opt in to receive non-emergency news and announcements. Go to www.tcl.edu. On the homepage, click on "emergency TextAlert at TCL" and fill out the form or go to www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

GRADING METHODOLOGY

The final grade must be 70 or more (a grade "C" or better) in order to pass the course and progress to the next course. Students absent from an examination or presentation will receive a "0" grade for the examination unless other arrangements are made with the individual instructor prior to the examination or presentation day or on the examination or presentation day before the test/presentation is scheduled to be given.

The student is responsible for notifying the instructor for the reason of the absence. It is also the responsibility of the student to contact the appropriate instructor to arrange to make up the examination. Arrangements may be completed by telephone.

If the instructor is not available, a message should be left on the instructor's voice mail AND with another member of the faculty or administrative assistant. The make-up exam will be scheduled and the instructor will decide the method of examination. Messages sent by other students are unacceptable.

Syllabus Safety Addendum

Purpose

The purpose of this safety addendum is to provide each student with safety guidelines during an incident, emergency, or disaster at TCL. In addition, it provides students guidelines for lockdown procedures, evacuation procedures, and active shooter.

Definition

An incident is any event, potential or actual, that may impact normal operations but has no immediate health or life threatening consideration or serious effect on the overall functional capacity of the College. An event of this nature should be reported to the Office of the Vice President for Administrative Services. Also notify the off-site campus administrator if applicable.

An emergency is any incident, potential or actual, which may endanger life or health or which affects an entire building or buildings, and will disrupt the overall operations of the College. Outside emergency services will probably be required, as well as major efforts from campus support services. Major policy considerations and decisions will usually be required from the college administration during times of crises. An emergency should be reported immediately by directly using **911** if life or health/injury considerations exist and then to the Office of the President or Vice President for Administrative Services as quickly as possible. Also notify the off-site campus administrator if applicable.

A disaster is any event or occurrence that has taken place and has seriously impaired or halted the operations of the College. In some cases, mass personnel casualties and severe property damage may be sustained. A coordinated effort of all campus-wide resources is required to effectively control the situation. Outside emergency services will be essential. In all cases of disaster, an Emergency Control Center will be activated, and the appropriate support and operational plans will be executed. The disaster should be immediately reported, first by calling **911** and then to the Office of the President or Vice President for Administrative Services. Also notify the off-site campus administrator if applicable.

Types of Emergencies

- Hurricane
- Tornado
- Fire
- Biochemical or Radiation Spill
- Explosion/Bomb
- Downed Aircraft (crash which directly impacts campus operations)
- Utility Failures
- Violent or criminal behavior
- Psychological Crisis

Procedures

Active Shooter

Run/hide/fight (<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cirg/active-shooter-and-mass-casualty-incidents/run-hide-fight-video>)

Building Evacuation

1. Building evacuations occur when an alarm sounds and/or upon notification by Security or the Emergency Director.
2. When the building evacuation alarm is activated during an emergency, individuals should exit according to the building evacuation plan and alert others to do the same.
3. Once outside, individuals should proceed to a clear area that is at least 500 feet away from the affected building. Streets, fire lanes, hydrant areas and walkways should be kept clear for emergency vehicles and personnel.
4. Individuals should not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by Security or the Emergency Director.
5. Individuals should assist persons with disabilities in exiting the building. Elevators are reserved for disabled persons

Campus Evacuation

1. A uniformed Security Guard, the Emergency Director, or an Emergency Resource Team member will announce evacuation of all or part of the campus grounds.
2. All persons (students and staff) are to immediately vacate the campus, or in the case of a partial evacuation relocate to another part of the campus grounds as directed.

Lockdown

1. Clear the halls
2. Report to the nearest classroom/office
3. Assist those needing special assistance
4. Ensure classroom/office doors are closed and locked
5. Turn off lights
6. Stay away from doors and windows (out of the line of sight)
7. BE QUIET and follow instructor's directions
8. Silence cell phones
9. Wait for the "All Clear" before leaving