ECD 252
Diversity Issues in Early Care and Education

Course Description
This course meets the growing need for students in early care and education to learn how to interact with people who are different from them. It also allows students to examine and appreciate the differences that exist because of diversity from race, language, ethnicity, and socio-economic levels.

Prerequisite: ENG 101, ECD 101

3.0 Cr (3.0 lect)

Course Focus
With the influx of different cultures in early care and education, it is an important topic to discuss and research. Students will learn more about themselves and other cultures in this course.

Text and References

Course Goals
Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:
1. Identify defining characteristics of tolerance education, multicultural education, character education, and anti-bias education. (NAEYC 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 4c, 6d)
2. Evaluate child development literature and research in order to effectively compare to current theory and practice. (ie: Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) (NAEYC 3a-d)
3. Observe and record children’s behavior as it relates to principles of cultural diversity. (NAEYC 1b)
4. Develop skills for communicating effectively and working with parents to enhance the education and development of their children. (NAEYC 2b, 2c, 4a)
5. Develop an implementation plan for diversity at their school site or other selected sites. This plan should be based on scientific research. (NAEYC 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b)
Course Outcomes and Competencies:

**Intended Course Outcome #2:** Students will be able to describe strategies to build and strengthen family and community relationships.

**Course Competency 2a:** Students will be able to describe diverse family and community characteristics.

**Performance Measurement Instrument and Success criteria:** Students will successfully present a family diversity/multicultural issue.

Student Contributions
Each student will spend at least 6 hours per week preparing for class. Attendance is critical in this class.

Course Evaluation

**Specific Assignments: Grading**
All assignments will be graded for accuracy. SLOPPY OR CARELESS WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Only work turned in on time will be eligible for all possible points. All work is expected to be turned in on time, however we understand life events sometimes arise; so if work is not submitted on time we will accept it no more than one week after the due date and you will receive up to 30% off your total score.

The student and instructor will evaluate each assignment. Students are encouraged to talk to the instructor if further clarification is needed on an individual assignment or an exam.

**Assignments**

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**Grading Scale:**

- **A = 90 - 100**
- **B = 80 - 89**
- **C = 70 - 79**
- **D = 60 - 69**
- **F = Below 69**
- **W = Withdrawal before midterm**
- **WF = Withdrawal after midterm with a failing grade on the last day attended**

**Note:** Please keep all assignments for your final portfolio for ECD 243.

Course Schedule
This course meets for 3 lecture hours 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 withdrawal 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, WWVV 106.9, WLOW 107.9, WGZR 104.9, WFXH 1130 AM, WLVL 101.1, WSOK 1230 AM, WAEV 97.3, WTCO 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
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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 cancelations 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.

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