

Common Course Outline

EDTR 271A Field Experience: Early Childhood Education

1 semester hour (1 hour per week)

The Community College of Baltimore County

Overall Course Description:

Field-Based Experience: Early Childhood Education

Provides students with knowledge and skill outcomes derived from a planned work experience in the early childhood education setting. In addition to meeting general course goals, jointly developed objectives are selected and evaluated by the faculty coordinator, work place supervisor and the student. NOTE: Must be taken in conjunction with one of the following: EDTR 101, EDTR 103, EDTR 107 or EDTR 215. Multiple internships of this course are not permitted. Requires permission of Teacher Education Campus Coordinator. Prerequisite: EDTR 121.

Overall Course Objectives:

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

- Recognize the different levels of cognitive, physical, psychological and social development in young children
- Recognize a well-constructed and presented lesson plan appropriate to the age of the population with which they are working
- Identify distinct roles played by staff, faculty and parents in an early childhood setting
- Plan, in conjunction with the teacher, a group activity
- Recognize and correct potentially harmful situations in an early childhood setting
- Identify and employ various strategies for successful reading support to the classroom teacher

Major Topics:

Observation techniques
Types, levels and severity of disabilities
Types of facilities
Careers in special education
Diversity
Legal Issues

Requirements:

Individual faculty will determine specific evaluation but such evaluation will include attendance at observations, written reports of observations, group and individual meetings and the development of a portfolio.