

Common Course Outline

EDTR 220 Creative Arts and the Young Child
3 semester hours (3 classroom hours per week)

The Community College of Baltimore County

Overall Course Description:

Creative Arts and the Young Child

Emphasizes creative expression activities for the young child in visual arts, music, creative dramatics and movement in a multicultural framework. The focus is on extending the creative process to all classroom activities, and to encourage self-expression in children. Prerequisite: EDTR 121

Overall Course Objectives:

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

1. Discuss the values of creative expression for young children.
2. Identify age appropriate creative activities for young children.
3. Develop a creative activity on each of the following
 - a two-dimensional art activity
 - a three dimensional art activity
 - a movement exploration activity
 - a discovery science activity
4. Develop an active learning game that would enhance academic abilities.
5. Teach, using props, an appropriate song for young children.
6. Identify a piece of music that is suitable for creative rhythmic movement for young children.
7. Create a puppet story character and use that puppet to tell a story to the class.
8. Discuss his/her favorite children's literature book.
9. Design a creative environment that focuses around centers that stimulate a child's growth and learning.
10. Describe what a story file is and discuss its value.

Major Topics:

Self-expression and development

Use of music

Use of puppetry

Use of movement

Use of active learning

Use of books

Story files

Creative environment

Age appropriate activities

Requirements:

Requirements will be determined by the individual faculty member but may include some of the following:

Tests and quizzes

Traditional research paper

Lesson plans

Oral presentation

Class participation activities

Journal critiques