

**New Horizons Regional Education Centers  
Career and Technical Education Center –CTEC  
Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Services Program &  
Early Childhood Education and Services I**

**VPCC CHD 120 and CHD 165  
Student Syllabus (Course #8234 and #8285)**

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**Course Description:**

Students in grades 11-12, who are interested in working professionally with young children, may enroll in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program. Students focus on careers related to the early childhood field through hands-on exploration, projects, and cooperative learning experiences, including an overview of principles of child growth and development; appreciation of diversity; engaging learning experiences for children; principles of appropriate and effective guidance; a healthy and safe environment; and development of self-concepts and building self-efficacy. As well as observe and participate in early childhood settings.

**Certification:**

AAFCS (American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences) National Early Childhood Education Competency Assessment, [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org)

**College Credits:**

CHD 120: 3 credits and CHD 165: 3 credits= 6 Credits

**Required Textbook:**

- Working with Young Children by Judy Herr
- Student Activity Guide: Working with Young Children by Judy Herr

**Additional readings:**

- The Developing Child by Brisbane
- Child Care Administration by Linda and Alan Nelson
- Early Childhood Education Today by Morrison
- Caring for the Developing Child by Marhoefer and Vadnais

**Program Goal:**

The goal of the Early Childhood program is to ensure that the student is trained in a quality Child Care environment. Students in grades 11-12, who are interested in working professionally with young children, may enroll in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program. This program is theory-based; along with hands-on experiences.

Students are expected to plan and prepare developmentally appropriate activities. As well as implement these activities with a team in our mock laboratory. The mock lab is organized

into learning centers to permit hands-on learning and exploration with a variety of materials. Individual differences are acknowledged through the levels of materials offered. This instruction will assist with the off-site Early Childhood experience. Students are expected to complete an observation/shadowing/internship experience in a chosen area of careers involving children within a Childcare Center or Elementary School setting.

**Early Childhood Personnel:**

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**Hours of Instruction:**

Two semesters@ 2 hours 20 minutes a day Monday through Friday for 180 days.

- AM Class: 7:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- PM Class: 12:15 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

**General Course Purpose:**

- CHD 120-Introduces early childhood development through activities and experiences in early childhood, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and primary programs. Investigates classroom organization and procedures, use of classroom time and materials, approaches to education for young children, professionalism, and curricular procedures.
- CHD 165-Students observe and participate in early childhood settings such as childcare centers, preschools, Montessori schools, or public school settings. Pre-Kindergarten through third grade.

**Course Objectives:**

- To plan a safe and healthy learning environment.
- To understand steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development.
- To teach positive ways to support children's social and emotional development.
- To establish positive and productive relationships with families.
- To learn strategies to manage an effective program of operation.
- To prepare for the profession.
- To observe and record children's behavior.
- To understand the principles of child growth and development.

**Expectations:**

1. ***A tuberculosis screening is mandatory. All students must submit documentation of a negative Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) or TB shot conducted within the last two years. STUDENTS MUST HAVE THIS TO GO OUT TO INTERNSHIPS DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER.***
2. ***All students must be capable of carrying out assigned duties and responsibilities, willing to accept training and supervision, being flexible, and able to communicate orally and in writing.***
3. ***Phones will be put away into the assigned "Phone Cubby" at the start of class daily and will not be removed until dismissal ( except during the 15-minute class break).***

4. **Attendance-** To learn you must attend class. All students are expected to attend classes promptly every day and to remain for the entire class period. Success in school and in employment depends upon punctual and regular attendance. **Five (5) absences mean No Credit for the marking period and three (3) tardies or early dismissals equal an absence.** However, Home School absences (i.e. field trips, sports activities, etc...) are not included in these absences.

**Late Policy For Work:** You have 5 days to complete assignments missed due to being absent.

5. **Grading-** Grades are based on three areas: **Employability, Related Instructions, and Competencies.**

**Grading Scale:**

- 90-100=A
- 80-89 =B
- 70-79 =C
- 60-69 =D
- Below 60=F

\*In order to receive a certificate for Early Childhood Education, you must **pass the class, complete 40 hours working directly with children, and pass 80% of the state-approved competencies.**

**Late Policy:** 10-point deduction per day and after 5 days I will not take it.

**Employability Skills are what we consider “work habits”. These are the skills that you will be graded on daily in the classroom.**

The Employability grade includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Communication
- Use of time
- Cooperation
- Following instructions
- Working independently
- Care of workplace
- Safety
- Appearance
- Problem-solving
- Bringing materials

**Related instruction grades may include projects, tests, quizzes, worksheets, and/or laboratory experience.**

The Related Instruction grade includes the following:

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Lesson Plans
- Projects

- *Other related items*

**Competencies involve various tasks that are relevant to the role of an early childhood teacher (hands-on assignments).**

- ***In order to receive credit, the student must pass 80% of the state-approved competencies.***

**6. *Observation/shadowing/internship-****You must complete an observation, shadowing, and internship experience. Students will spend a total of at least 40 hours in the field during this school year. Students will be expected to be dressed in uniform to go out to internships. The Uniform consists of the class shirt and appropriate bottoms.*

***Not Allowed: Leggings, holey jeans/pants, skirts above the knee, shorts above the knee***

**7. *Materials-*** *Every student must have the appropriate supplies for the Early Childhood Education program.*

***You must have the following:***

<b><i>For Individual Use</i></b>	<b><i>For Class Use</i></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cloth bag</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>1 pack of white printer paper</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>1 Loose leaf three-ring binder (2")</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>1 box of tissue</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Dividers (at least 5)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>1 pack of construction paper</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pen/Pencils</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Crayons/ Colored Pencils</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Loose Leaf Paper</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Colored markers/Sharpies</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Scotch tape and masking tape</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>2 Journal/Marble notebooks</i>	

**8. *Course Fees-*** *All students are responsible for the following fees:*

- *\$17.00 FCCLA dues*
  - *\$15.00 Food Handlers Card*
  - *\$60.00 CPR/First Aid certification*
  - *\$35.00 Class Shirt*
- = Fees total \$127.00.***

***\*\* Students driving to New Horizons must purchase a parking decal for \$25.00. Lost decals are \$15.00.***