

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2023

CD2145 (EC): Practicum IV – 6 (0-2-28) 254 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Students will attend weekly seminars throughout the semester in preparation and support of this practicum. Students will design and operate an eight-week program for preschool children. With the support of program instructors, students will be responsible for all aspects of a program for young children and their families.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

All first- and second-year courses in the Early Learning and Child Care curriculum and a First Aid/CPR certificate, or consent of Department. Note: Students must successfully complete CD2020 immediately prior to taking CD2145. Exceptions may be made for online students.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

CD 2145 Practicum Handbook

DELIVERY MODE(S): Zoom Meetings (Lecture, discussion, observation of the student's interactions with young children. Links found in myClass).

COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this practicum, the student will be able to

- 1) Develop a positive rapport with young children.
- 2) Interact with children in a nurturing and supportive manner.
- 3) Use a positive approach to setting and maintaining limits.
- 4) Support children in their development of autonomy and initiative.
- 5) Ensure the nutritional health, and safety needs of young children.
- 6) Facilitate, extend and enrich children's play in a variety of curriculum areas.
- 7) Establish and maintain a physical environment for young children which is aesthetically pleasing and developmentally appropriate.
- 8) Demonstrate the use of the physical environment as the third teacher.
- 9) Plan curriculum that supports children's development in all areas.
- 10) Plan, implement and evaluate experiences, learning centers and group times based on the observed developmental needs and interests of the children with whom he/she is working.
- 11) Communicate effectively and work collaboratively with other adults in the program.
- 12) Communicate effectively and develop a positive relationship with the parents in the program.
- 13) Demonstrate professional behaviour in regard to attendance, punctuality, confidentiality, and dress.
- 14) Demonstrate competence in assessing his/her professional strengths and the ability to identify areas for professional growth.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca>.

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

EVALUATIONS:

Feedback provided on observations, planning sheets, and logbook entries.

GRADING CRITERIA: (The following criteria may be changed to suite the particular course/instructor)

The credit/no credit grading system is used to determine the final course grade. Attendance is mandatory, and students must successfully fulfill all observation and seminar requirements in order to receive credit in this course. This includes completing a variety of planned experiences with young children and in class tasks which must be handed in at the end of some seminar classes.

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Zoom	Introduction Seminar	May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (Alberta time)
Discussion	Forum	June 16, 2023 – June 27, 2023
Zoom	Final Seminar	July 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (Alberta time)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is the right of the student and of the instructor to experience a favorable learning/teaching environment. It is the responsibility of the student and of the instructor to engage in appropriate adult behavior that positively supports learning. This includes, but is not limited to, treating others with dignity and being punctual.

*Attendance in this course is mandatory.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.