Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

Course Prefix and Number: CDYC 218  
Credit hours: 3

Course Title: Communicating with Infants, Toddlers and their Families

Course Prerequisites: None


Course Description: Upon review of current research, students will examine the elements of beginning language and literacy and discuss how families, childcare programs and communities can encourage language and literacy development in infants and toddlers. Students will explore and learn the typical milestones of language development and some of the challenges which caregivers and parents might encounter as language emerges in infants and toddlers. Specific research-based tips on how to talk to children with diverse backgrounds and temperaments and guidelines to foster vocabulary and oral language acquisition at home will be provided. This course requires 3 clock hours of observation to include several developmental stages.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will:

A. acknowledge and encourage language development in young children from diverse backgrounds;
B. recognize typical milestones in language development of children from infancy through thirty-six months;
C. gain knowledge about the importance of applying language theory to practical experience with infants and toddlers in childcare settings;
D. gain strategies for promoting vocabulary and oral language in the homes of infants and toddlers.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

1. compare theories of language emergence and their implications for language development; (C)
2. discuss and trace the developmental milestones in language development from birth through three years of age; (B)
3. observe and document infants and toddlers from different age group; Compare the stages of language development; (A) (B)
4. develop strategies for promoting vocabulary and oral language in the childcare setting based on knowledge of language development of infants and toddlers; and (A) (B) (C)  
5. provide a method of communicating to families the importance of fostering vocabulary and oral language in the home. (A) (B) (C) (D)

**Course Requirements:** The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: students will attend class; students will be evaluated on results of semester exams; students will be required to participate in class discussions and activities.

*In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor’s section syllabus.*

**Course Grading Scale:**

- **A** 90-100%
- **B** 80-89%
- **C** 70-79%
- **D** 60-69%
- **F** 59% or below

**Attendance Policy:** The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

**Course Fees:** None

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