

To: Early Childhood Care and Education Students

Re: Changes in the Program

Date: June 12, 2008

### I. Program requirements for Diploma and Degree Students

Because the Early Childhood Care and Education Department is now requiring more advanced written assignments, new students need to be prepared to meet the demands for college level writing and have the ability to access technology. Many of our students are struggling with their fluency in writing, using the internet for academic research and dealing with online course work. For those reasons, starting Fall quarter 2008, we will require that new students take an English and Microcomputer class their first quarter. Diploma students will take English 1010 (formerly English 101) and SCT 100 their first quarter. Associate Degree students will take English 1101 (formerly English 191) and SCT 101 their first quarter. If students are full time they may also take either ECE 101, 103 or 105 in addition to the English and Microcomputer requirements.

Diploma students who plan on switching from Diploma to Degree once they meet the Hope Scholarship requirements will be required to take additional English and Microcomputer courses to complete the Degree. Students who need developmental course work in English and Reading must complete those courses prior to beginning the ECE courses.

Students switching from Certificate to Diploma or Degree programs or transferring from another college must take their English and Microcomputer courses the first quarter after they switch/transfer.

### II. Change in course rotation:

Starting Fall quarter 2008, Practicum I, Practicum II and Internship will each be taught once a year. Practicum I will be taught Winter quarter, Practicum II during Spring quarter and Internship in Fall quarter. For many programs Spring and Summer are difficult times for Interns to do their thematic units or accrue enough hours to meet the course requirements. Starting the sequence in Winter quarter and finishing in the Fall will alleviate this problem.

Below is a copy of the new annual rotation of classes. Please be aware that offered courses that do not enroll enough students may be cancelled.

### III. Owner/ Operators of Family Childcare Businesses

All ECE students must do their Practicum and Internship hours in a licensed child care center or public school program. The only exceptions are owner/operators of Family Childcare programs. These students are allowed to do their hours in the home. However, they are still required to meet all the course expectations including planning and implementing a full thematic unit.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cinda Young, Early Childhood Department Head at (912) 443-5788.

**Department of Early Childhood Care and Education**  
**Course Rotation**  
**Beginning Fall 2008**

**Fall**

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours	Offered
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood	5	Day/3:40 or online
ECE 103	Human Growth and Development I	5	Day/Night
ECE 105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5	Day/Night
ECE 202	Social Issues and Families	5	Day
ECE 114	Music and Movement	3	Day
ECE 115	Language Arts and Literature	5	Night
ECE 211	Methods and Materials	5	Day @3:40
ECE 212	Professional Practices	5	Night
ECE 224	Internship	12	

**Winter**

ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood	5	Day
ECE 103	Human Growth and Development I	5	3:40
ECE 105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5	Day/Night
ECE 112	Curriculum Development	5	Day
ECE 113	Art for Children	3	Day
ECE 201	Exceptionalities	5	Night
ECE 202	Social Issues	5	Night
ECE 116	Math and Science	5	Day/3:40
ECE 203	Human Growth and Development II	5	Night
ECE 121	Practicum I	3	

**Spring**

ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood	5	Night or online
ECE 103	Human Growth and Development I	5	Day /Night
ECE 105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5	Day /Night
ECE 202	Social Issues and Families	5	Day
ECE 114	Music and Movement	3	Night
ECE 115	Language Arts and Literature	5	Day/3:40
ECE 211	Methods and Materials	5	Night
ECE 212	Professional Practices	5	Day at 3:40
ECE 122	Practicum II	3	

**Summer**

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours	Offered
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood	5	Day
ECE 103	Human Growth and Development I	5	Day
ECE 105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5	Night
ECE 112	Curriculum Development	5	Night
ECE 113	Art for Children	3	Night/Day
ECE 201	Exceptionalities	5	Day
ECE 202	Social Issues	5	3:40
ECE 116	Math and Science	5	Day/Night
ECE 203	Human Growth and Development II	5	Day

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