EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE (ECEC) 2211
Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition
3 credit hours

This is an information sheet only, not the course syllabus.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
A comprehensive overview of current health, safety and nutritional needs of growing children. Appropriate methods to meet the needs of young children in group care settings are emphasized. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One. (3 lecture hours)

Instructor Note: You will not be able to successfully complete this course without completing approximately 20 hours of observing young children in group care at a DCFS licensed child care facility.

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS
Please follow the instructions below to locate information on the textbook and other materials for this course.

1. From COD home page, click on myACCESS.
2. Click on Search for Credit Classes.
3. From the Term drop-down box select the term.
4. Choose your course from the Subjects drop-down menu.
5. In the Course # field, enter your course number.
6. In the Section field, enter the course section number if known.
7. From the Course Types drop-down menu select Internet/Online.
8. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on SUBMIT.
9. Click on the Section Name and Title link.
10. Click on Click here for prices of required textbook(s) and supplies and course material information will be displayed.

Alternatively, you can visit the COD Bookstore website to find this information.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to do the following:

- Describe health and safety licensing requirements for child care settings
- Describe safety guidelines for toys and equipment
- Describe record keeping and parent communication in relation to the child’s safety
- Recognize screening procedures to assess a child’s health status
- Identify sources of nutrients and appropriate meal planning
- Identify signs of child abuse and neglect
- Describe the role of the child care provider in reporting suspected child abuse and/or neglect
TOPICAL OUTLINE
This course will include but not be restricted to the following topics:
1. Licensing requirements
2. Safety guidelines
3. Record keeping and parent communication
4. Screening procedures
5. Childhood illnesses and conditions
6. Nutrients and meal planning
7. Child abuse and neglect

GRADING
All written assignments must conform to standards of academic honesty which includes citing references and writing in your own words. Please review college policy regarding standards of academic conduct in the current College Catalog.

The final grade is based on the total number of points recorded for lab reports, unit exams, unit reflection questions, discussion board questions, web site assignments, and verified completion of 30 hours of laboratory observation/participation.

SATISFACTORY/FAIL OPTION
The satisfactory/fail method is not available for this course since it’s a requirement for the ECEC Certificate.

INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY
An incomplete grade can only be given when all of the following conditions are met.
1. The student requests an Incomplete grade for some unavoidable reason one week prior to the end of the semester.
2. An agreement in writing is reached with the instructor indicating work to be completed and the completion date.
3. The student has completed 80% of the course requirements and must have a grade of C or better. If the remaining course work is not completed by the agreed deadline, then the student will receive a grade of zero for all incomplete assignments and the student’s semester grade will be accordingly calculated and submitted as the student’s final grade.