Course Syllabus
ECED 2370 Developmental Assessment
Nashville State Community College
Semester: Section:

Class Hours: 3 class hours;
Credit Hours: 3
Instructor:
Office:
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Home Phone:
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E-mail:

Description:
Covers assessment for children from birth through eight years of age. Both formal and informal instruments will be discussed emphasizing tools that can be effectively used by teachers of young children. Considerations in choosing, administering, and reporting results of assessments will also be addressed. Field experiences required. Prerequisite(s): ECED 2320 or department approval.

Required Texts:


Disclaimer: Textbooks frequently change editions, so please be sure to check with the school bookstore to verify the current ISBN of the textbook before purchasing the textbook.

Additional Resources:
The Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards

Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to:
1. Identify the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment, including its use in development of appropriate goals, curriculum, and teaching strategies for young children. (1a, 1b, 3a, 5c, 6d)
2. Know about and use observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches, including the use of technology in documentation, assessment, and data collection. (3b, 6c)
3. Understand and practice responsible assessment to promote outcomes for each child, including the use of assistive technology for children with disabilities. (3c, 6b)
4. Know about assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues to build effective learning environments. (2b, 3d)

NAEYC Initial Standards for ECE Professional Preparation:
The following standards are addressed in this course:

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Standard 1: Promoting Child Development and Learning
1a. Knowing and understanding young children’s characteristics and needs, from birth through age eight.
1b. Knowing and understanding the multiple influences on early development and learning.

Standard 2: Building Family and Community Relationships
2b. Supporting and engaging families and communities through respectful, reciprocal relationships.

Standard 3: Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families
3a. Understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment – including its use in development of appropriate goals, curriculum, and teaching strategies for young children
3b. Knowing about and using observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches, including the use of technology in documentation, assessment and data collection
3c. Understanding and practicing responsible assessment to promote outcomes for each child, including the use of assistive technology for children with disabilities
3d. Knowing about assessment partnerships with families and other professionals colleagues to build effective learning environments

Standard 5: Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum
5c. Using own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate developmentally meaningful and challenging curriculum for each child.

Standard 6: Becoming a Professional
6b. Knowing about and upholding ethical standards and other professional guidelines
6c. Engaging in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice; using technology effectively with young children, with peers, and as a professional resource
6d. Integrating knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on early education.

IDEA Course Evaluation Objectives:
These objectives will be evaluated through student feedback on Course Evaluations.

• Objective 1: Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends)
• Objective 2: Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories
• Objective 3: Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem-solving, and decisions)
• Objective 4: Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course

Major Content Areas:
• Historical, social and educational stages of children birth-nine
• Review of developmental stages of children birth-nine
• Types of screening and assessment tools: observation guides, portfolio assessment systems and tests that evaluate specific skills
• Legal and ethical responsibilities in assessment
• Linking assessment to curriculum, families and the children
• Community resources and referral procedures
• Professionalism: NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct (Ethical Responsibilities to Families & Children)

Field Experiences: 20 Hours of required field experiences
Students will be engaged in a minimum of 20 hours of field experiences in this course. These hours will include:
1. Child observations - on-going observations of one child for development of child assessment portfolio
2. Activity implementation – implement two activities with child chosen for the child assessment portfolio
3. Interview administrator, parent, and teacher concerning standardized testing

Assessment: Student learning will be assessed through the following:
1. Attendance and participation
2. Homework, Quizzes, and Rough Drafts: complete as assigned by the instructor.
3. Observations complete as assigned by the instructor
4. Child Assessment Portfolio Project: complete a portfolio project including ongoing observations and goal-setting

Grading Criteria:
THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – ADVANCED NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN OF ANY CHANGES

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**Grading Scale:**

Grades reflect student progress in course content. Grading scale is as follows:

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NOTE: All ECED majors in the AAS degree or Technical Certificate programs are required to receive a C or above in all ECED classes.

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ECED COURSE POLICIES

These are course policies required for this course. Read these carefully. Following these policies will assist you in completing this course successfully. Please ask questions if you do not understand any expectation in this course. The ECED faculty wants you to do well!

Attendance/Participation Policy
1. Each student is expected to be on time, attend all scheduled classes, and stay for the entire class session. It is not acceptable to walk in and out of class, unless there is an emergency.
2. An absence is defined as non-attendance for any reason, including illness or emergency.
3. Absences Allowed:
   Regular Fall & Spring Semester: No more than 3 absences.
   Summer 10 week term or Practicum Courses: No more than 2 absences.
4. Any student who has more than allowed absences above will receive a grade of “FA” for the term. An FA computes the same as an F in your grade point average. Coming to class late (after the instructor has taken attendance) and/or leaving early (before the instructor dismisses the class) counts as a tardy. Three (3) tardies count as one (1) absence. Any student arriving more than 30 minutes after class has started or leaving more than 30 minutes before class is dismissed will be considered as absent for the entire class.
5. Any student who is absent is responsible for the content of the class missed and any assignments given. The student is encouraged to get notes and information missed from another student in the class or contact the instructor.
6. In-class assignments cannot be made up.
7. The instructor’s grade book serves as the official record for grades and attendance.

Student Conduct
Nashville State has a zero tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity. He/she can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College. Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined as, but is not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevents concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, etc.), the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, lap-top computers, games, etc.). Each student should refer to the current Nashville State Student Handbook for guidelines for student conduct.

Class Procedures
The class will be a mixture of lecture, discussion, in-class activities and class participation. The instructor will make every effort to work with you, but you are expected to read assignments before class, pay attention, participate in class, and put effort into assignments.

Assignments, Instructions, and Grading Rubrics
For all assignments, you are expected to follow instructions carefully, study the grading criteria, and ask questions if you do not understand an assignment. For some assignments, you may be required to complete the grading rubric as a self-grading component of the assignment. The purpose of this self-grading is to focus your attention on the expectations for the assignment and enhance your own self-evaluation and critical thinking skills. Even though you may submit a self-scored rubric, the instructor will make the final determination on all grades and scores.

Assignment Format
All assignments are to be typed (using 10, 11 or 12 pt. font) unless otherwise instructed. Assignments of more than one page should be hand in stapled in the upper left corner. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, and legibility will be taken into consideration in grading all assignments. Assignments should reflect college-level work. Misspelled words, incorrect grammar, and messy assignments will be penalized. Always re-read and proof your work prior to turning it in to the instructor.

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Any assignment turned in that is not typed or is unreadable with numerous grammatical and/or spelling errors may be returned to the student ungraded. The student will need to resubmit the assignment, but will receive a reduction in points (see policy for assignments not turned in on the assigned due date).

**Cheating and Plagiarism**

Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. The work you submit must be written in your own words. This means if you use words directly from a textbook, the internet, or another source for information to complete an assignment or exam, you must cite the source. Students guilty of academic dishonesty, either directly or indirectly through participation or assistance are immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures as a result of academic misconduct, **the instructor has the authority to assign an "F" or "zero" for the exercise or examination or to assign an "F" for the course.**

**Late Assignments**

Students are encouraged to turn in all assignments on time. In the event that you miss a due date, you may turn in the assignment late, up to one week beyond the due date, but no later. Ten percent (10%) of the points for an assignment will be deducted on late work. No assignments will be accepted more than one week late and no assignment will be accepted beyond the last class meeting. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the instructor receives the assignment if it is turned in late. See example below:

**EXAMPLE:** An assignment worth 100 points is due Feb. 10th. The next class meeting is Feb. 17th, a week later. If not turned in on Feb. 10th, then it is considered late and will have 10% (10 points) deducted from total score. You have up until Feb. 17th to turn in the assignment, but no later. As for grading, if you turned in late and earned 90, 10 points will be deducted and your final score will be 80.

**Exams**

There are no exams in this course.

**Experiences with Children**

Learning about early childhood requires you to interact and engage with young children throughout the coursework in the early childhood program at NSCC. Some assignments in this course may require you to engage in activities with young children from ages birth through age 8. (See specific instructions on assignments.) You may be able to complete these experiences with children in informal settings such as family or relatives homes, but it is preferable, if possible, to do these experiences in an early childhood program such as a child care center or family child care home. These experiences require the student to be in the "teacher" role; thus, it is not acceptable to do these with your own children. Let the instructor know if you need help or clarification.

**Photographs for Assignments**

Some assignments may require you to take photographs of your work or project as part of the assignment instructions. You will need access to a camera of some type in order to meet this expectation. Even though you are asked to document your work through photos, you are NOT required to take photos of children themselves. Many families do not wish their children to be photographed. You must have written permission from families to photograph children.

**Questions about Graded Assignments and Appointments for Assistance**

If you would like to discuss a grade on an assignment or exam, see the instructor after class to discuss the assignment briefly or make an appointment. Class time will not be used to discuss or review individual grades. You are encouraged to make an appointment with your instructor to discuss any questions or concerns in depth.

**College Resources for Support**

The college provides several resources to support the academic success of students. The **Learning Center**, located inside the Library, offers students free, drop-in academic assistance with courses in which they are currently enrolled at the college. Services include access to computers for research, email, tutorials in course content, and software applications used in classes. In addition, tutors are available to help in many subjects, especially mathematics and writing. Free online tutoring for other subjects is also available to students through **Smarthinking**. The **Library**

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facilitates learning and research for Nashville State students, staff, and faculty. For more information, visit the college website at www.nscc.edu.

**Grading Policy for Early Childhood Majors**
A grade of C or above must be earned in all early childhood courses prior to graduating with an AAS or Technical Certificate in ECED. If you are majoring in the AAS and/or Technical Certificate programs must receive a C or above in this class in order to meet prerequisite requirements for subsequent classes.

**Early Warning Alerts**
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**Accommodations**
Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Consult with the office of Student Disability Services. If you need any accommodation(s) for this class, notify the instructor by the second class meeting.

**NS Online and Course Shell**
All courses, face-to-face, hybrid and totally online, have an online course shell that contains important information (syllabus and additional resources) about your course. It is highly important that you become familiar with the online course shell and use it as a resource to support your learning. [This shell is where your instructor will post information in case of class cancellation.-See “Class Cancellations” below.]

To access your course through NS Online, first go to the NSCC homepage (http://www.nscc.edu), then click on “Connect” and scroll down to MyNSCC. Enter your A number and your login to gain access to MyNSCC. You will then click on “NS Online Courses” on the upper right-hand side of the page. Click on the course title under the listing of all your courses and you will be at the home page for your course. Or you may go directly to the NS Online login: https://elearn.nscc.edu/ to gain access to your course.

**Class Cancellations – NS Online Assignment**
When a class is cancelled due to inclement weather or other unusual circumstances, the instructor will post an assignment on NS Online to be completed before the next class meeting. If you have trouble accessing the internet, notify the instructor through a phone message requesting an alternate assignment.

**MyNSCC Email**
It is the student’s responsibility to check D2L (NS Online) and MyNSCC email on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students. Students are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L (NS Online) contains specific course information and MyNSCC contains information important for other purposes. It is strongly recommended that course related communication to your instructor be sent through D2L (NS Online) course email. The email is located inside your course website. Contact the Help Desk at 615-353-3678 for support.

**Cellular Telephone/Pager Policy**
The use of cellular telephones and pagers in the classroom is prohibited at Nashville State Community College.

**Children in Class**
It is the policy of Nashville State Community College that students may **not** bring children into instructional settings such as classrooms, labs, or the Learning Center.

**Breaks/Food in Class**
The classroom is not an appropriate place or time to eat meals. Please plan on eating before class or during break times.

**NOTE:** This syllabus is a master syllabus. Specific course requirements are subject to revision at the discretion of the individual instructor. A course syllabus will be provided the first day of class.

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Course Schedule  
ECED 2370 Developmental Assessment  
(Subject to Revision by Instructor)  

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<td>Why, What and When to Assess</td>
<td>Chapter 3 Pages 32-49</td>
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<td>Developmental Continuum</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Organizing for Assessment</td>
<td>Chapter 9 Pages 159-179</td>
<td>Observation 3</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Compiling and Summarizing Information</td>
<td>Chapter 6 Pages 99-123</td>
<td>Observation 4</td>
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<td>Documenting: Collecting Information</td>
<td>Chapter 4 Pages 50-74</td>
<td>Observation 5</td>
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<td><strong>SPRING/FALL BREAK NO CLASS</strong></td>
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<td>Documenting: Recording Information</td>
<td>Chapter 5 Pages 75-98</td>
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<td>Interpreting Assessment Information</td>
<td>Chapter 7 Pages 124-141</td>
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<td>Using Assessment Information</td>
<td>Chapter 8 Pages 142-158</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Child Assessment Portfolio Preparation</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Communicating and Collaboration</td>
<td>Chapter 11 Pages 109-218</td>
<td>Child Assessment Portfolio Parts 1&amp;2 Due</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Standardized Tests: What Every Early Childhood Teacher</td>
<td>Chapter 10 Pages 180-197</td>
<td>Interview</td>
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<td>Legal, Ethical, and Professional Responsibilities in Assessment</td>
<td>Chapter 2 Pages 11-31</td>
<td>Child Assessment Portfolio Parts 3&amp;4 Due</td>
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Early Childhood Education  
Student Information Form  
Please legibly print all information on form.

Course Title_________________________________________  Semester & Year________________________

Name________________________________“A” Number________________________

HOME CONTACT INFORMATION
Street & Number________________________________________
City and Zip__________________________________________
Home Phone____________________  Cell Phone________________________
E-mail address________________________________________
Emergency Contact_____________________________________

WORK INFORMATION
Employer’s Name______________________________________
Current Position Title____________________  Full-time or Part-time?________
Street & Number______________________________________
City and Zip__________________________________________
Work Phone___________________________________________

Why did you enroll in this course?  To meet requirements for which of the following:
  _____ Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood (AS degree)  
  _____ Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood (AAS degree)
  _____ Technical Certificate in Early Childhood
  _____ Non-degree (CDA preparation, CDA renewal, etc.)
  _____ Other reason?  

Sign below verifying:  I understand the Early Childhood Education Grade Policy and Syllabus.

Students who are majoring in Early Childhood Education must earn a C or better in all Early Childhood Education Courses. Students earning a D or F in an ECED course must repeat that course earning a C or better prior to graduation with a degree or a technical certificate.

My signature below indicates that I have read the entire syllabus and understand its contents. I agree to abide by the class policies set forth for the course and will be held accountable to such policies. In particular, I am aware of the Attendance/Participation and Late Assignment policies.

I also give my permission to use my work and/or pictures taken of me in class activities for use by my instructor or by other instructors in the Early Childhood department for the purpose of instructing others in appropriate early childhood practices.

Signature_____________________________  Date________________________

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