Appendix B: Assessments in ECTC Program

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Student Evaluations of Program Course Experiences

HDFS 3120  Spring 2014

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CLASS FOR NEXT SEMESTER

In order to help us help students who will take this class in the fall to improve their understanding on some of the basics of programs for young children, please let us know your recommendations for this class (HDFS 3120) for next semester.

A. Considering the topics covered, the readings, websites, quizzes, observations, job application statements, class format, etc.
   1. What aspects do you recommend keeping? and, for each please include any suggestions for improvement.
   2. What aspects need significant revision or should be dropped?
   3. What are your suggestions for different assignments, format, or activities?

B. What aspect of the class did you find to be the most challenging or the most difficult?

C. What aspect of the class or topics covered did you find to be the most interesting?

D. What are your suggestions for increasing discussion in class?

E. Comment on the Bredekamp book.

F. What type of assignment/quiz/exam do you recommend that will help the students next semester to maximize their thinking about and ability to remember and apply the concepts discussed in the different topics we have covered – intentional teaching, diversity, family, etc. (Please think about what maximizes learning, which often is not the “easiest” option.)

G. Recommendations for policy regarding students having laptops in class.
   For example, No limits on the use of laptops in class; use of laptops in class not allowed; OK to use laptops, but must show notes to instructor at the end of class.

Other....

Please give your recommendation and explain why:

H. If you had a chance to meet with the incoming students, what advice would you give them that could help them to maximize their understanding of programs for young children?

I. On the average, about how many hours each week did you spend studying for this course, not counting your time each week at the Child Labs? ____

Other comments:

Thanks for your suggestions. Have a good semester break. A.B. and J.G.
HDFS 3180 -- Programs for Young Children: Introductory Laboratory

**REFLECTION: FINAL THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Classroom: ____________________________

Date and time of day: _____________________

1. What did you find most valuable about your classroom experience?

2. What did you find most challenging about your classroom experience?

3. What do you wish you had done during your classroom experience but didn’t (and why)?

4. How do you think the classroom experience could be strengthened or made more supportive for future 3120/3180 students? (Please describe ways in which we can support future 3180 students, not the children.)

5. We are interested in your feedback on the feedback we have sent to you each week on your reflections or observations.
   
   a. How often did you read the feedback? (check one)

   - [ ] Read all 9
   - [ ] Read most (7-8)
   - [ ] Read about half (4, 5,6)
   - [ ] Read a few (1,2,3)
   - [ ] Did not read any.

   b. Was this information useful? Why/How or why not? (Please explain)

   c. What suggestions do you have for ways in which we could improve the feedback – things to add, things to change, etc.

6. Any other thoughts or comments that you would like to share?
Course Reflections– HDFS 3122 - Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Education I: Infants and Toddlers

Please answer the following questions as completely as you can. I will use your comments in the planning for the next time I teach this course. Please do not answer the questions with a simple Yes or No – that does not give me any information with which to work. Please be honest, I really care about the feedback. I promise I will not read the evaluations until after the grades are done and sent to the registrar. Anyone who returns a form completed with full answers at our Thursday, December 8th class will receive 5 points added to your lowest assignment grade. Please do not write your answers on this paper – it doesn’t give you enough room!

1. What was your overall impression of this course?
   A. Was it what you expected?
   B. How was the material covered and presented?
   C. How do you feel about the format of this course?
2. What areas did you find most interesting? Why?
3. What areas were the best presented?
4. What areas need work?
5. Were there any areas that should be considered for coverage in this course?
6. Were there any areas that were covered that you think should not have been?
7. How would you summarize your feeling about the lecture materials?
8. How would you summarize your feelings about the lab materials?
9. Do you think this course will help you professionally? How?
10. What is the most important thing you learned about children in this course?
11. What is the most important thing you learned about teaching in this course?
12. What is the most important thing you learned about yourself in this course?
13. What surprised you most in this course?
14. Are you left with any unanswered questions? What are they?
15. Any other comments?

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Course Reflections – HDFS 3123 - Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Education II:

Preschool and Kindergarten

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2. What areas did you find most interesting? Why?
3. What areas were the best presented?
4. What areas need work?
5. Were there any areas that should be considered for coverage in this course?
6. Were there any areas that were covered that you think should not have been?
7. How would you summarize your feeling about the lecture materials?
8. How would you summarize your feelings about the lab materials?
9. Do you think this course will help you professionally? How?
10. What is the most important thing you learned about children in this course?
11. What is the most important thing you learned about teaching in this course?
12. What is the most important thing you learned about yourself in this course?
13. What surprised you most in this course?
14. Are you left with any unanswered questions? What are they?
15. Any other comments?

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HDFS 3101-3102

To provide feedback on the salience on course topics/issues, students are asked to prepare a reflection on the key themes and issues in the course that have been most relevant to them. These reflections are not intended to be informative about the course as a whole, but how their understanding and appreciation of issues has deepened.

Write a 200-word reflection about your experience of the issues/themes that have been most important to you in this course. Be sure to include at least four issues related to the course and be specific about describing how your thinking about those themes has deepened. This essay should reflect your knowledge of course material, not just feelings about the material.

A mid-semester anonymous check-in with students invites them to share the aspects of the course that they are finding challenging and need more instructor support.
Final Course Reflections HDFS 3125

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1. What was your overall impression of this course?
2. What areas did you find most interesting? Why?
3. Were there any areas that you think should be considered for coverage in this course?
4. Do you think this course will help you professionally? How?
5. What is the most important thing you learned about children in this course?
6. What is the most important thing you learned about teaching in this course?
7. What is the most important thing you learned about yourself in this course?
8. Did this course change how you will approach these topics with children in the future?
9. What surprised you most in this course?
10. Are you left with any unanswered questions? What are they?
11. Any other comments?

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Final Reflections on HDFS 3126 - Analysis of Programs for Young Children

Please answer the following questions as completely as you can. I will use your comments in the planning for the next time I teach this course. Please do not answer the questions with a simple Yes or No – that does not give me any information with which to work. Please be honest, I really care about the feedback. Please do not write your answers on this paper – it doesn’t give you enough room!

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