

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

ECE 143 PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

Credit Hours: 3 Lec .5 Experience 5

PREREQUISITE: ESL 93R or approved ESL placement exam

COREQUISITES: Eligibility for ENG 80, minimum of 300 practice hours with the appropriate aged children and work in an appropriate childcare setting

NOTE: TB Skin Test Immunization Record. Fingerprint Clearance Card required. All students are mandated to spend at least two (2) hours per one (1) credit at the AWC CDLL.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Prepares the student on how to compile a professional portfolio in preparation for Child Development Associate (CDA) Assessment.

1. COURSE GOAL

To enable candidate to apply for and pass the national CDA credential.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 identify the six goal areas of the CDA.
- 2.2 construct a professional philosophy statement.
- 2.3 compile a portfolio demonstrating knowledge in the six goal areas as directed by the national CDA office.
- 2.4 demonstrate competency in all areas of the CDA in the classroom of the age group specified (I/T, preschool or family childcare). During this Instructional observation, all competencies must be met.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Lecture
- 3.2 Class discussion
- 3.3 Group work
- 3.4 Onsite practice in an early childhood setting

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Written reflective competency statements
- 4.2 Collection of resources
- 4.3 Class discussions
- 4.4 Practice in an early childhood setting

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Grading is based on evaluation of observable competencies
- 5.2 Completed Professional Portfolio
- 5.3 Any grade below a B will not be eligible to take the National C.D.A. Credential

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for "No Show" reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid. For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook 2012, 5-90):
 - Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course