

Welcome Letter for CIEC 368-88 12539

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Hello and welcome to CIEC 368-88 12539!

I look forward to getting to know you all. I created this course and have been teaching this course at our main campus since the dual P-3/K-5 program began. I have always taught it as a hybrid course and am excited to now be teaching it completing online. This course covers two of my special interests: Intergrating Curriculum through Projects & In-depth studies, and Observation & Assessment of children

Expectations

The course syllabus along with rubrics for the assignments (available on Bb) more fully details the expectations for this course. In short, you are expected to log onto Bb at least 2x per week to complete the each session's tasks, respond to readings, and enter into dialog with your peers in discussion board forums. In addition, there are 4 assignments: 2 mini assignments and 2 more in-depth assignments.

Texts

Helm, J. & Benekee, S. (2003) *The Power of Projects: Meeting Contemporary Challenges in Early Childhood Classrooms*. NAEYC & Teachers College Press. ISBN #: 0-8077-4298-8

Jablon, J. R., Dombro, A. L., & Dichtmiller, J. (2007). *The Power of Observation Birth through age 8*. (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: NAEYC & Teaching Strategies. ISBN# 1933021527

McAfee, O., Leong, D., Bedrova, E. (2004) *Basics of Assessment*. Washington, DC: NAEYC. ISBN # 1-928896-18-9

Grading

All grades are based on a points system with points awarded for each of the 4 assignments as well as your preparation for & participation in session tasks and

readings forums.

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Good luck and have fun in the course! Dr. Holly Seplocha