

ECE 121: Observation and Guidance I

Focuses on age-appropriate guidance and observations techniques for individual children six week to six years. Topics include the ongoing dynamics of relationships, how values and belief systems impact guidance decisions, and the linkages between observation and guidance plans for individual children.

Observation and Guidance I will include basic observation and guidance techniques for individual children (infancy – six years). This course puts more emphasis on guidance techniques and the personal value and belief systems that underlie their usage, but also provides students with some basic observational tools (running records, anecdotal) that can be used in identifying, evaluating, and developing guidance strategies.

This course is required for the Early Childhood Certificate and the A.A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education. In order to count toward the Early Childhood Certificate or AAS degree, this course must be taken for a letter grade.

Students must have access to infants, toddlers, or young children (2.5 – 5 years) in order to complete observation assignments.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Identifies, individually and collaboratively, guidance techniques for individual children based on proven theory and practices.
- Recognizes environmental, developmental, and cultural factors that impact children's behaviors.
- Identifies the skills and strategies needed for make accurate observations of individual children based on child development principles.
- Explains the connection between observations and appropriate guidance, management, and planning for individual children.
- Articulates the role of observation in communicating with parents and professionals.

Credits: 3

Program: [Early Childhood Education](#)