DEPT. Human Services COURSE NO. CDEV1240

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

COURSE TITLE: Family and Community Relations

CATALOG DESCRIPTION This course will guide students in learning how to develop positive relationships with families of varied racial, economic, and cultural backgrounds. Student will examine the importance of the family/early childhood staff relationship and study methods of effectively communicating. Community organizations and networks which support families will be studied.

AUDIENCE: Child development students, child care and education professionals, anyone wishing to enhance their knowledge in this area of education

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Area : by meeting the following competencies:
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PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: none

LENGTH OF COURSE 3 lecture hours per week for 16 weeks

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year ☐ fall ☑ spring ☐ summer ☐ undetermined ☐

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: The student will be knowledgeable about family structures, establishing effective partnerships with families, and community resources to assist families.

2) THINKING SKILLS: The student will analyze and study strategies for family relationship improvement

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: The student will demonstrate effective verbal, written and computer communication techniques.
4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: The student will gain self-awareness in regard to their perception of children and families of varied socio-economic and cultural backgrounds

TOPICS TO BE COVERED: Family demographics, parent involvement, partnership barriers and benefits, techniques for developing partnerships, diverse backgrounds, community resources

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:
1. Demonstrate understanding of current family demographics and trends
2. Demonstrate understanding of critical role of relationship building
3. Explain benefits of establishing partnerships
4. Understand barriers to forming partnerships
5. Practice methods to overcome partnership barriers
6. Describe impact of adversity on families
7. Compile resource file of community assistance organizations
8. Analyze and practice techniques to build relationships with families
9. Analyze personal communication style
10. Improve written and verbal communication skills
11. Critically examine issues of family diversity

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:
- Collaborative Learning
- Problem Solving
- Student Presentations
- Interactive Lectures
- Creative Projects
- Individual Coaching
- Lecture
- Films/Videos/Slides
- Demonstrations
- Other (describe below)
- Lab

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:
- Reading
- Tests
- Oral Presentations
- Worksheets
- Textbook Problems
- Papers
- Group Problems
- Collaborative Projects
- Demonstrations
- Term Paper
- Other (describe below)

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