Meeting Time and Place: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00-9:15  216 ECTR

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Course Prerequisites: EDEE 327

Course Description: This course is designed for the study and practice of teaching methods and materials for science at the early childhood level. Emphasis is placed on developmentally appropriate practice, concept development through questioning techniques, critical thinking activities, multimedia/technology, and inquiry teaching to meet group and individual needs.

Scholastic Professional Books.
South Carolina Mathematics and Science Standards K-3 (online: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/se/instructional-practices-and-evaluations/)
NGSS Standards K-3 (online: http://www.nextgenscience.org/next-generation-science-standards)

Outcomes for Candidates: Understanding and valuing the learner:
1. Identify students’ cognitive development with regard to content and process (SOE I, II, III  NACTE 3A, 3B, 4, 5B  NAEYC 1, 4C; EEDA 4)
2. Select developmentally appropriate hands-on science teaching materials (manipulative, software, hardware, etc.) (SOE II, IV  NACTE 2C, 3A  NAEYC 4; EEDA 5, 7)
3. Identify students’ misconceptions in their field experience and use these examples to develop experiences to assist children in their developing conceptions (SOE II  NACTE 3A, 3B, 3C, 4  NAEYC 3)
4. Plan an inquiry-based science center for Pre K – 3 students, using the SC Science Standards and NGSS (SOE I, II, III  NACTE 2C, 2I, 3A, 3D NAEYC 4A, 4B, 4C; ISTE 1)
5. Demonstrate the on-going nature of assessment through formative and summative evaluations that are both formal and informal
6. Recognize achievements of diverse groups of people and their contributions (SOE II  NACTE 5A  NAEYC 2)
Perform the basic and integrated process skills of science (observation, communication, classification, metric measurement, prediction, inference) (SOE II  NACTE 2C NAEYC 4, 4B)

**Knowing what and how to teach and assess and how to create environments in which learning occurs:**

1. Perform the basic and integrated process skills of science (observation, communication, classification, metric measurement, prediction, inference) (SOE II  NCATE 2C NAEYC4, 4B)
2. Establish the relationships between science content and process (SOE I, II, III  NACTE 3A  NAEYC 4, 4B)
3. Plan for the uses of technology in the classroom (SOE II, IV  NACTE 2C, 3A  NAEYC 4; EEDA 16; ISTE 3)
4. Write developmentally appropriate lesson plans, including age appropriate safety and management (SOE I, II, III, IV  NACTE 2I, 3A)
5. Conduct an in-class scientific investigation (SOE I, II, III  NACTE 2C)

**Understanding yourself as a professional:**
Observe various science education and science occupations (SOE II  NACTE 5A, 5D  NAEYC 2; ISTE 5)

| Safe School Climate Act | Section 59-63-110: Citation of Article.  
| Section 59-63-120: Definitions.  
| Section 59-63-130: Prohibited Conduct; reports by witnesses.  
| Section 59-63-140: Local school districts to adopt policies prohibiting harassment; required components; model policies by State Board of Education; and bullying prevention programs.  
| Section 59-63-150: Availability of civil or criminal redress; immunity of reporting school employee or volunteer. |

**Course Requirements:**

1. Regularly attend and participate in class
2. Read weekly assignments and participate in discussion.
3. Review five journal articles (life, physical, space, earth science and teaching science with technology).
4. Create and implement a developmentally appropriate science center.
5. Critique five science websites and/or apps.
6. Write three lesson plans and include a reflection about each of the component parts based on your field placement experience.
7. Copy South Carolina Science Standards K-3 and the NGSS.
8. Present the portfolio of science lesson materials that you created for the class.
9. Final

Late submissions of assignments are *unacceptable* under normal circumstances. Please do not attempt complete an initial submission for
Any assignments after the due date. I will NOT accept any late work.

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Due dates for course assignments are listed in the course calendar or are announced in class. No LATE assignments will be accepted. If there is a problem with submitting the assignment on time, please contact the professor ahead of time to ask for an extension (only extenuating circumstances will be allowed).

**Journal Reviews:**

Read five science articles from **teacher journals**, such as *Science and Children* or *Young Children*. Write a two-page, double-spaced, typed review of the article. For each review, include a summary (2pts.), one half page in length and a reaction paper that is one page and a half in length (6pts.) and grammar (2pts.). Each review must address the one of the four science areas: life, physical, earth, space and the fifth articles must be about teaching science using technology.

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<th>Thorough 5pts</th>
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<td>Describe what the article is about</td>
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<td>Describe what the article states you can do in your classroom. This section is to be personalized to your school setting.</td>
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<td>Describe what is new, to you, about this practice and</td>
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Lesson Plans: Lesson plans for the class lesson and follow-up lesson plan in your field experience should be typed and double-spaced. The format should include:

S.C. Science Standard:  
Objective:  
Assessment:  
Material list:  
5 E’s:  
Accommodations:  
Reflections:  

The lesson plans are to be written in complete sentences.

5 E’s approach to teaching and learning

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<th>Teacher Behavior</th>
<th>Student Behavior</th>
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<td>*Ask—Do I see these behaviors happening, am I constantly diagnosing the learning?</td>
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Engage
- create an interest in topic/lesson  
- raise questions  
- elicit what student know about the topic  
- cause curiosity  

Engage
- show interest in the  
- ask questions, answer  
- tell what they know about  
- be curious  

Explore
- encourage students to work together  
- observe and listen to the students  
- ask questions to extend thinking  
- make sure student have supplies  

Explore
- work together to solve  
- think freely about the topic  
- record observations and ideas  
- listen critically to others’  

Explain
- ask student to explain in their own words  
- have students refine in their own words  

Explain
- explain possible to  
- use observations and data
in explanations
- use students’ previous experiences and understanding to explain concepts
- explain
- provide formal labels after students when
- have described the concept

**Expand**
- encourage students to apply and extend explanations to new situations
- remind students to think of alternatives
- expect students to use formal labels
- ask “What do you think about...” & “Why” observations and conclusions

**Evaluate**
- observe and record as students apply new learnings learnings
- look for evidence that students have understanding of changed their thinking
- encourage students to self-evaluate learning
- ask open ended questions to assess questions
- make sure the evaluation looks like the learning

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**Science Center:**
To demonstrate a meaningful, challenging learning experience for all young children create a science center. The center must include information from one topic covered in your field experience.

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<th>LEARNING CENTER EVALUATION FORM</th>
<th>4 activities (10 points)</th>
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developmentally appropriate and meet the needs of diverse learners

Directions are easy to follow

Activities are integrated with other subject areas and relate to the science process skills

Higher level thinking is required (above the literal level)

The center is attractive: neat handwriting and correct grammar

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<th>Apps and/or Websites:</th>
<th>Research the Internet and find five science sites and/or apps geared towards early childhood.</th>
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<td>Content Area</td>
<td>Review of Apps and Websites Review One Review Two Review Three Review Four Review Five</td>
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<td>Topic</td>
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<td>Name of App or Website</td>
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<td>Cost (can be free)</td>
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<td>Last update</td>
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<td>Device required</td>
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<td>Ratings and reviews by others</td>
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<td>Contains links that lead to additional materials (If yes, name them)</td>
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<td>Easy navigation for you and for children</td>
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<td>Accurate content and how you know it is accurate</td>
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<td>Developmentally appropriate</td>
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You will submit a one page paper on each site. The due dates are noted on the timeline in the syllabus. Your front page will be this form. The portion you write will use this data and will answer the following rubric.

Report Criteria

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<td>Scientific Literacy</td>
<td>Explains how scientific concepts can be learned using this assignment and how this knowledge can be used for personal, communal, and cultural reasons.</td>
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<td>Teachers</td>
<td>Explains how teachers could use the websites for activities, projects, and pedagogically. Focuses on how students can learn information and use</td>
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Unifying Concepts

Lists the unifying concepts of the website and how they are aligned with state or national standards.

Lists only topics and concepts.

| Attendance: | Please note that attendance is required. No more than three absences are allowed. More than five will result in one being dropped from the class. Students will be marked tardy if they arrive in class within the first ten minutes after class has started. They will be marked absent if they arrive after ten minutes. Three tardies will be counted as one absence. There will be no allowance for leaving a class early and students who do leave early will be marked absent. Students who exceed the allowed absences will be dropped with a WA. If the student exceeds the allowable absences due to extenuating circumstances beyond the student’s control, a panel of education professor from that semester will review the circumstances and make a final decision. |
| Late Policy: | No papers, units or assignments, etc. will be accepted late. All assignments are due during class time on the designated days noted on the class schedule or stated in class. Any assignment may be handed in early for feedback. |
| In Class Policy: | No hats/caps will be worn in the room. No food or beverages are allowed in the room. Arrive on time and prepared to learn! |
| Evaluation Scale: | Science Center 10 pts. 
Lesson Plans and reflection 20 pts. 
Journal Reviews (5) 20 pts. 
Five Websites and or App Reviews 20 pts. 
Group lesson plan 20 pts. 
Science in the news 10 pts. 
Test 1 30 pts. 
Test 2 42 pts. 
Total 172 pts. 

A 160-172 points. 
A- 157-159 pts. 
B+ 153-156 pts. 
B 148-152 pts. 
B - 144-147 pts. 
C+ 141-143 pts. 
C 135-140 pts. 
C- 132-134 pts. 
D+ 129-131 pts. 
D 124-128 pts. |
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<td>Introduction to class&lt;br&gt;Information cards</td>
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<td>*News&lt;br&gt;Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards&lt;br&gt;Observation and discuss website and article reviews</td>
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<td>January 20</td>
<td>Classification. (Peanut activity)&lt;br&gt;*Bring in Science Standards K-3</td>
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<td>January 22</td>
<td>*News&lt;br&gt;Chapters 1 &amp; 2 Science and Children and Families discuss “Family Science”/Practice writing lesson plans</td>
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<td>Chapter 3 discovering Science&lt;br&gt;Communication &amp; Metric Measurement</td>
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<td>January 29</td>
<td><em>News&lt;br&gt;Chapter 4 Plants and integrating Science Activities&lt;br&gt;</em> Website reviews due</td>
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<td>February 3</td>
<td>Science process skill Inference and Prediction&lt;br&gt;(Bring some pennies to class,)</td>
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<td>February 5</td>
<td>*News&lt;br&gt;Chapter 5 Animals (investigate owl pellets)&lt;br&gt;*Life Science article review due&lt;br&gt;Review for test.</td>
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<td>February 10</td>
<td>Test 1</td>
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<td>February 12</td>
<td>*News&lt;br&gt;Chapter 6 – the Human Body</td>
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<td>February 17</td>
<td>Discussion of Safe School Climate Act&lt;br&gt;Lesson Plan Writing Practice</td>
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<td>*News&lt;br&gt;Chapters 7 &amp; 8 – air and water</td>
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<td>February 24</td>
<td>Discuss T charts (balloon on a string activity)&lt;br&gt;* 1 Lesson Plan and Reflection due</td>
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<td>February 26</td>
<td>Action For a Cleaner Tomorrow Workshop</td>
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<td>March 2-6</td>
<td>SPRING BREAK</td>
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<td>March 10</td>
<td>Discuss T-charts (gum)&lt;br&gt;*Teaching science with technology review due&lt;br&gt;Chapter 9 – Weather&lt;br&gt;Discuss graphing</td>
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<td>March 12</td>
<td>*News&lt;br&gt;Chapter 10&lt;br&gt;Rocks and Minerals&lt;br&gt;*Earth Science article review due</td>
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March 17  |  Chapters 11 & 12 magnetism & Effects of gravity and discuss learning centers
March 19  |  *News  |  Chapter 13 – simple machines (marshmallow launch)
March 24  |  Chapter 14 Sound (tuning forks)
March 26  |  *News  |  Chapter 15 – Light
March 31  |  *Physical Science article review due
March 31  |  *Space Science article review due
April 2   |  Chapter 16 – the environment (worm activity)
April 7   |  In-class inquiry lessons with lesson plans (2)
April 9   |  In class inquiry lessons with lesson plans (2)
April 14  |  Science experiments (Test 2)
April 16  |  Work on science centers
April 21  |  Earth Day activities
April 22  |  Work on science centers
TBA       |  Set up learning centers

Grading and Assignments
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Final Portfolio:
All assignments completed in the course will be polished and compiled into a portfolio. All materials must be about a particular unit based on the standards and grade level of choice. The final portfolio will be presented to the class upon completion.

ATTENDANCE:
Class attendance and punctuality are expected professional behaviors. Specific attendance requirements for each course are outlined in the syllabus. A candidate may be dropped from a course for excessive absences. Two absences for ANY reason will be allowed; however, you may not submit assignments if you are absent. Upon the third absence, a course participation grade will take into effect and reduce the candidate’s score by 3% points. Upon a fourth absence, the candidate will automatically be withdrawn from a course with the grade of WA/F. I will work with you, but it is your responsibility to contact me by phone or email ahead of time.

Students should not arrive to class late. Persistent infringement of tardies will result in the reduction of a candidate’s score by 5%. Leaving class is accepted only if prior approval is accepted by the professor.

**HONOR SYSTEM:**
All courses in the School of Education are conducted under the Honor Code of the College of Charleston. The Honor Code specifically forbids lying, cheating, attempted cheating, stealing, attempted stealing and plagiarism. Students at the College are bound by honor and by their acceptance of admission to the College to abide by the code and to report violations. As members of the College community, students are expected to evidence a high standard of personal conduct and to respect the rights of other students, faculty, staff members, community neighbors, and visitors on campus. Students are also expected to adhere to all federal, state, and local laws. Faculty members are required to report violations of the Honor Code or Code of Conduct to the Office of Student Affairs. Conviction of an Honor Code violation in this class will result in the grade of “F” for the course. As a student at the College you have agreed to uphold the policies outlined in the *Student Handbook: A guide to civil and honorable conduct* (2003/2004) both in your coursework and as a representative of the College of Charleston in field experiences and clinical practice situations. Violations to the Code of Conduct outlined on pages 10-11 in the *Student Handbook* will be reported to the Honor Board.

As EDEE is a dual program, in that we certify candidates for teacher certification, professors reserve the right to document violations that would impact student certification (e.g., attendance in field experiences and clinical practice, professionalism in schools, etc.).

**ADA Accommodations:**
In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), all qualified students are entitled to “reasonable accommodations.” Please notify the instructor during the first week of class of any accommodations needed.

**Required Technology:**
Enrollment in this course requires you to utilize the following computer applications: PowerPoint, Excel, Internet/WWW, OAKS via Internet, e-mail, and Word Processing.

It is expected that you can utilize the above listed computer applications. These computer applications are available in the College of Charleston managed computer labs located in JC Long, the Library, and various other campus locations. If you do not have reliable access to these applications you should plan to use the campus computer laboratories.