PELLISSIPPI STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASTER SYLLABUS

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE  
ECEd 2080

Class Hours: 3.0          Credit Hours: 3.0
Laboratory Hours: 0.0
Date Revised: Summer 01

NOTE: This course is not designed for transfer credit.

Catalog Course Description:

Examines the criteria for selecting appropriate literature for children. Discussion topics explore age levels, values taught through literature, and literary and artistic qualities.

Entry Level Standards:

Students must be able to read and write at the college level.

Prerequisites:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

TBA

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

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II. Course Objectives*:

A. Exhibit a knowledge of selected highlights of the children's literature canon. I, IV
B. Exhibit knowledge of significant authors, illustrators, and trends in the field. I, IV
C. Exhibit the skills necessary for planning a developmentally appropriate curriculum for children. I, II, III, IV
D. Show awareness of diversity issues, as well as issues regarding children with special needs. I, II, III, IV

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the ECEd program.

III. Instructional Processes*:

Students will:

1. Observe classroom dynamics in various educational settings. Cultural Diversity and Social Adaptation Outcome, Active Learning Strategy, Transitional Strategy
2. Utilize reflective inquiry thinking processes to integrate text and classroom observation. Communication Outcome, Problem Solving and Decision Making Outcome
3. Use journaling as a technique to facilitate classroom observations and discussions. Communication Outcome, Information Literacy Outcome, Transitional Strategy
4. Internalize work ethic by demonstrating regular attendance, punctuality, dependability, cooperation with teachers and peers, and professionalism. Personal Development Outcome
5. Use Internet for communication with instructor and other class members. Communication Outcome, Technological Literacy Outcome

*Strategies and outcomes listed after instructional processes reference Pellissippi State’s goals for strengthening general education knowledge and skills, connecting coursework to experiences beyond the classroom, and encouraging students to take active and responsible roles in the educational process.

IV. Expectations for Student Performance*:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Define the criteria for selecting quality books for children. B, C, D
2. Examine a large selection of books currently available. A, B
3. Evaluate literary quality and artistic quality. B, C
4. Discuss the different types (or genres) of books. A, B, D
5. Define the criteria for selecting books appropriate for children of given age levels. C, D
6. Discuss concepts, attitudes, and values expressed through books. C, D
7. Examine the use of bibliotherapy with children. C, D
8. Explore the history of and trends in children's literature. A, B
9. Understand a variety of methods for presenting literature to children. C, D
10. Build units of study for groups of children. C, D

*Letters after performance expectations reference the course objectives listed above.

V. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures:

Students will complete a pre and post inventory on their knowledge of children's literature through an entry exam and a comprehensive final exam.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

Students will keep a journal, reflecting on each class topic. They will share in writing the knowledge they have learned and how they will use this knowledge in the classroom. Students will also write essays on selected class topics.

C. Field Work:

N/A

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

N/A

VI. Policies:

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State Technical Community College expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course.

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. A student guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly through participation or assistance, is immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through the regular Pellissippi State procedures as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign an F for the exercise or examination or to assign an F in the course.