



EPSE 348

Family-Centred Practice for Children with Special Needs (3.0 credits)

Evaluation is based out of 100 marks

Assignments include group discussions and case studies to incorporate the principles of the lessons. Students will practice applying the learned strategies and principles to decision making and supporting families and children with special needs in the case studies. Each case study will become incrementally more challenging as the lessons progress. 5 assignments = a total of 95 marks Group discussions = 5 marks

Course Description

This online course introduces key principles and practices, and effective help giving approaches for family-centred practice. It encourages a shift from the traditional helping model of expert/specialist to a model that involves mutual partnership with families in decision making, and determining goals and interventions for their child.

The course is suitable for Infant Development (ID) and Aboriginal Infant Development (AID) Program Consultants, Supported Child Development (SCD) and Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD) Consultants, early childhood educators, teachers, classroom aides, child protection workers, nurses, family support workers, and others who work with families or team members in special education and intervention settings. The course is based on the work of leading researchers in intervention and family-centred practice. A range of viewpoints is represented by the use of course readings instead of a single text. Principles of cultural competence will be stressed with emphasis on the strengths of First Nations, and Aboriginal families in British Columbia.

Course Objectives

- Review historical and theoretical factors of early childhood intervention
- Examine Early Childhood Intervention and principles of practice
- Examine and describe culturally-competent practices and communication skills
- Identify and apply key principles of family-centred practice
- Describe and use effective family centred strategies with children and their families
- Describe ineffective and effective help giving practices
- Recognize the challenges and strengths of families in order to develop appropriate intervention plans
- Define and discuss formal and informal supports
- Discuss service coordination and working with other professionals
- Explore complex family issues and crisis management
- Explore ethical issues and the use of ethical principles and codes of ethics when facing ethical decisions.

Course Summary

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| Lesson 1: Overview of Early Intervention | Lesson 2: Introduction to Family Centred Practice |
| Lesson 3: Effective Help Giving and Empowerment of Families | Lesson 4: Cultural Competence |
| Lesson 5: Communication with Families and Professionals | Lesson 6: Formal and Informal Resources and Supports |
| Lesson 7: Collaborative Partnerships with Families | |
| Lesson 8: Collaborative Family-Centered Principles in Service Coordination and Teams | |
| Lesson 9: Complex Family Issues and Crisis Management | Lesson 10: Ethical Decision Making |

Course Requirements

Students are required to have a computer, access to the Internet, and a Campus Wide Login ID and password to access the website for EPSE 348. Don't have a CWL account? Register at: <http://www.cwl.ubc.ca>

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