Description: Administration of Early Childhood Services

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RATIONALE
The increasing complexity of the administration of early childhood services demands an understanding of core management issues by all those who seek to become directors of early childhood centres. Early childhood directors and coordinators must possess sound organisational and management skills. They should also understand the nature of political and social change affecting the area.

SYNOPSIS
This course will introduce students to important factors relating to the administration of services such as parent interaction, communication skills, personnel management, administration, legal issues, support services and working with government services.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- administer a centre taking into account the needs of children and their families;
- demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills;
- show an awareness of socioeconomic and political parameters of early years care and education;
- understand the need and develop the skills to effectively manage personnel;
- be aware of the importance of working effectively with committees of management/owners/sponsors/parents;
- be competent team builders;
- identify support services;
- communicate effectively with government departments;
- demonstrate understanding of child care regulations;
• understand the complexities of budgeting and finance.

**TOPICS**

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<td>3. Personnel Management</td>
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<td>4. Administration Skills - including budgeting and finance</td>
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<td>5. Identify Support Services</td>
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<td>7. Working with committees of management/sponsors/owners</td>
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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:**

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.


**REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Billman, J. 1993, *Starting and Operating a Child Care Centre*, Brown & Benchmark, Madison, WI.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   (a) There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   (b) To complete each of the assignments satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available (or at least a grade of C-) for each assignment.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   (a) If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.
4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   (c) To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   (a) The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
   (e) There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   There is no examination in this course.

8 University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (b) If requested, students will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made. (c) The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. (d) The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media. (e) The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile. (f) Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements. (g) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience. (h) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.