Description: Literacies in Early Childhood

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HECS band: 1
ASCED code: 070101

STAFFING
Examiner: Gillian Potter
Moderator: Shirley O'Neil

PRE-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: TEA1101 and Students must be enrolled in Program: BECS

RATIONALE
Educators' knowledge of the development of multiple literacies from birth to eight years of age provides the framework for planning supportive literacy environments that facilitate the important transition from infancy through to the early years of school. Sound appreciation of the emergent nature of literacy offers pathways to learning which include negotiating multilingualism and supporting progress in students with immature literacy development. Educators' awareness of the influence of socio-cultural contexts and the significance of continuity between the educational environments of the home and centre/school provides a focus for appreciating children's purposes in communicating and their search for meanings as they develop effective use of language.

SYNOPSIS
This course will explore how oral language and symbolic representation of infants, toddlers and preschoolers form the basis for the emergence of multiple literacies which eventually incorporate print. The idea of emerging literacies will be developed as a relationship between speaking, listening, interpretation of symbols and reading, expression through symbols and writing, viewing (including computer use) and awareness of the social functions and conventions of communication. Educators' roles will be shown to encompass the planning of environments, strategies and resources and the assessment of children's progress from personal into shared symbolism including conventional print. The personal experiences of children, including the languages and communication styles used in the home will provide the basis for exploring motivating and meaningful early childhood literacy programs.
OBJECTIVES

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

- recognise young children's literate behaviours in a variety of forms;
- assess literacy progress in young children;
- select strategies appropriate for the development of individual learners;
- prepare rich literacy environments for children birth to 8 years;
- model printing, oral expression, listening and computer use for children;
- plan for individuals and groups through using an emergent curriculum for young literacy learners;
- explain and apply curriculum documents 0-8 years.

TOPICS

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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax, telephone or internet. For costs and further details use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the course code (no spaces).


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.


Barratt-Pugh, C & Rohl, M (eds) 2000, Literacy Learning in the Early Years, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest, NSW.


### STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:

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### ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   (b) It is the students’ responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all
       activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled
       for them, and 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. Students must complete
       the set number of days of Professional Experience as fulfilment of the Board of
       Teacher Registration and Department of Families requirements for registration.
       To ensure that students can satisfy the objectives of the Professional Experience
       component of the course, attendance and active participation in lectures and tutorials
       in this course prior to undertaking Professional Experience is highly recommended.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   (a) To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain
       at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   (b) If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then
       a penalty of 10% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment will
       apply for each working day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate that they have achieved
   the minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by: (i)
   satisfactorily completing the Professional Experience; and (ii) satisfactorily
   completing the Professional Experience folder; and (iii) obtaining at least 50% of
   the total weighted marks available for all 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 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:
   (d) There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations 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/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ
   Handbook.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Results for this course will not be released until associated professional experience
   including professional experience folder has been successfully completed and
   documentation processed.