Description: Administration of Child Care Settings

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Student contribution band: National Priority Teaching
ASCED code: 070101

STAFFING
Examiner: Di Small
Moderator: Lindy Austin

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEPR or BEEC or BESM or BESC or BEPG or BEPH or BPMH or BSMG or BECS or BECH or BEEG or BEEH or PDEV or SING or BPMU.

OTHER-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: Students may only enrol in external mode if they are enrolled in an external program.

RATIONALE
The increasing complexity of the administration of early childhood services demands some understanding of this area by all those who seek to become directors of centres. Early childhood educators must be competent in the skills of managing care and education centres and be able to understand the nature of political and social change affecting the provision of services.

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

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OBJECTIVES

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

- administer a centre which takes into account the needs of children and their families;
- demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills;
- show an awareness of socioeconomic and political parameters of day care;
- demonstrate the skills to effectively manage personnel;
- be competent team builders;
- identify support services;
- communicate effectively with government departments;
- have a clear grasp of the child care regulations;
- critically analyse and assess policies and documents including the Accreditation document;
- understand the complexities of budgeting and finance;
- appreciate the role of information technology in administration of a centre.

TOPICS

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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your '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.


**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:**
   (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:**
   (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:**
   (d) To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the summative assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for those 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:**
   (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.

### ASSESSMENT NOTES

1. Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within 24 hours if required by the Examiner. (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.

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