

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
CD1370
GUIDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR**

SEMESTER: Winter 2010 **INSTRUCTOR:** Jane Howes

CREDITS: 1

HOURS: 15

DATES: January 8- February 26

DAYS: Fridays

TIMES: 9:00 -10:50

LOCATION: H135

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course examines the adult's role in supporting children as they learn socially appropriate behaviors. The major focus is strategies for positively guiding children's behavior while supporting their social and emotional development.

TEXT: A course package (Guiding Children's Behavior)

OBJECTIVES: On successful completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. .Discuss the differences between discipline, punishment and guidance
2. .Describe the different adult styles of interacting with and guiding children
3. .Identify factors that contribute to children's behavior
4. .Describe strategies for creating positive interpersonal environments
5. .Describe preventative guidance strategies
6. .Implement positive guidance strategies

TOPICS:

The following topics although not necessarily in order, will be covered in this course.

- Influence on child's behaviour
 - Adult styles of interacting
 - Suggest reason's for children's inappropriate behaviour
 - Discipline, punishment and guidance
 - Rewards and punishments
 - The framework of appropriate guidance
 - Guidance strategies
 - Challenging behaviours
7. Understanding and dealing with aggressive behaviours

TEACHING METHODS: Lectures will incorporate A.V. materials, discussion based on handout and text readings, and in- and out-of-class activities and assignments.

CLASS FORMAT: Classes will be comprised of lectures, independent and small group tasks, and class discussion.

GRADING POLICY: A final grade of "D" must be obtained in order to pass this course.

ALPHA GRADE	4-POINT EQUIVALENCE	DESCRIPTOR
A+	4.0 (90- 100)	Excellent
A	4.0 (85-89)	
A-	3.7(84-80)	First Class Standing
B+	3.3 (79-75)	
B	3.0 (74- 71)	Good
B-	2.7(70-66)	
C+	2.3 (67-69)	Satisfactory
C	2.0(64-66)	
C-	1.7(60-63)	
D+	1.3 (55 59)	Poor
D	1.0 (50 -54)	Minimal Pass
F	0.0 (49 – 0)	Failure

ASSIGNMENTS:

Assignment #1	30%
Assignment #2	20%
Observation	20%
QUIZ	30%
Total	100%

CLASS POLICIES:

It is your responsibility to become familiar with the basic student rights and responsibilities found in the College calendar and the following policies for this class.

- Demonstrate your commitment to learning by attending all classes, arriving on time and leaving when the class is dismissed.
- Use class time to its best by being prepared for each class, contributing thoughtfully to discussion, and participating actively and appropriately in class.
- Keep your discussion related to the topic or activity. Side conversations are very distracting. Whether the instructor or a classmate “has the floor”, please respect others by refraining from conversing with your neighbors.
- Regular attendance and active class participation help you understand the content and be a successful student. Absence from 20% and over of the class hours will result in a grade of 0 for attendance/participation.
- You do not need to ask for permission to be absent. If it is necessary for you to miss a class, I will assume that you have made the best decision for the circumstances and that you accept the consequences of your decision. Arrange to obtain copies of handouts, lecture notes, and other information you may need from a fellow student.
- Submit your assignments on time. On time means at the end of class or, at the latest, 4:30 on the due date.
- Late assignments will be penalized :
 - 1) An initial 5% a week for late assignments and after two weeks the student cannot hand in his/her assignment.
 - 2) Should a student be allowed to resubmit an assignment a grade of 60 % is the highest grade the student can receive.

- 3) Any assignment turned in and considered not to be your own work will result in the assignment being graded “0” and no opportunity to make up the assignment or missed points.
- Graded assignments will normally be returned within 2 weeks
 - Cell phones and other electronic devices
- Cell phones are not permitted in the class, If you are expecting an urgent call, please let me know at the beginning of the class, and put your phone on vibrate.
Please turn off all cell phones, blackberries and PDA’s prior to the start of class.
Cell phones and other electronics are not to be brought into exams.
Texting is NOT allowed during class. You will be marked down as absent if found using your cell phones during class.