

**Moberly Area Community College  
Common Syllabus**

**ECE 220: Working with Families and the Community  
Current Term**

**Instructor:**

**Office number:**

**Office hours:**

**Response Time:** I typically respond to student emails within 24 hours, Monday through Friday.

**Contact information:**

**Classroom number:**

**Section number(s):**

**Class days and time:**

**Catalog Description:** ECE220 Working with Families and the Community 3-0-3

This course explores traditional and non-traditional family systems and the Early Childhood professional's role in partnering with parents to form a nurturing learning community. Students will develop skills that will help them effectively relate to parents and access community resources.

**Prerequisite:**

ECE170 Beginning Laboratory in Preschool, **or** ECE160 Beginning Laboratory in Infant/Toddler Settings, **or** ECE 150 CDA Seminar, **or** CDA Credential **and** LAL 101.

**Text:** Gonzalez-Mena, J. *Child, Family and Community* (7<sup>th</sup> Ed.). NY, NY: McGraw-Hill.

**Other Required Materials:**

A filing system to store your hard copy assignments and information and a USB Flash drive to store electronic copies of work from all Early Childhood courses. Virtual classes need headphones with a USB cord and a microphone.

**Special Facilities/Equipment:**

Students may be required to complete assignments that involve having access to a child or children in an Early Childhood facility. Hybrid, virtual and online courses require regular access to a MS Office compatible word processing program and internet. For virtual classes (Blackboard Collaborate), high speed internet (DSL or Cable) is recommended.

**Purpose of Course:**

Many people enter the Early Childhood field because they enjoy young children. This course is intended to help the student explore other aspects of Early Childhood, especially work with families and community agencies.

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**Course Objectives (CO):**

1. Articulate how to create environments and experiences that respect and affirm cultural, linguistic, and developmental diversity.
2. Recognize and demonstrate respect for the effect of variations in cultural backgrounds and family lifestyles on a child's development.
3. Advocate for program and public policies that safeguard the well-being of children, families and early childhood professionals.
4. Promote parental self-worth through respectful acceptance of parent input and reciprocal relationship-building.
5. Uses a variety of communication strategies, including uses of technology, to link families with key community resources appropriate for specific purposes.
6. Plan strategies to involve linguistically diverse families in the enrichment of the learning environment
7. Develop and organize important policies, procedures, and guidelines to facilitate family involvement and delineate family responsibilities and caregiver/teacher responsibilities within a care and education facility, in compliance with state licensing regulations and accreditation standards
8. Work cooperatively with family and care teams for all children, including team participation in the development and evaluation of learning plans.
9. Use the NAEYC professional code of ethics for making decisions.
10. Apply knowledge of Missouri State Child Abuse & Neglect regulations to early childhood profession.
11. Demonstrate appropriate professional behavior.
12. Advocate for issues relating to children and families on the community, state and national level.
13. Develop comprehensive management systems for daily operations, business and personnel management
14. Produce effective written communication for the purpose and audience
15. Demonstrate effective oral communication skills for the purpose and audience

**Course Content:**

1. Family Systems and History
2. Understanding and Including Family Diversity
3. Partnering with Families in the Classroom
4. Utilizing Community Resources

**Statement to Connect Course with Institutional Student Level Outcomes:**

In compliance with MACC's Institutional Student Level Outcomes, the student who successfully completes this course will be able to meet the following institutional learning outcomes:

- **Higher Order Thinking:** Students will demonstrate the ability to distinguish among opinions, facts, and inferences; to identify underlying or implicit assumptions; to make informed judgments; to solve problems by applying evaluative standards; and to reflect

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upon and refine those problem-solving skills. This outcome involves creative thinking, critical thinking, and quantitative literacy.

- **Communication:** Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively through oral, written, or digital channels using the English language or quantitative or other symbolic systems. Students should be able to write and speak with thoughtfulness, clarity, coherence, and persuasiveness; read and listen critically; and select channels appropriate to the audience and message.
- **Managing Information:** Students will demonstrate the ability to discern when there is a need for information; and to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively and responsibly use and share that information for the problem at hand.
- **Valuing:** Students will demonstrate the ability to understand the moral and ethical values of a diverse society; and to appreciate the values of diversity and equity.



**Evaluation of Student Learning:**

90-100%      A  
80-89%        B  
70-79%        C

If you receive a grade below a C you will have to retake the course.

60-69%        D  
Below 60%F

Please keep in mind that at the college level it is expected that you will spend 2—3 hours per week on homework for each credit hour earned for the course. This is a X-credit hour course, so you should expect to spend X\*2—X\*3 hours studying each week.

Description of Major Assignment(s)/Project(s):	Points
How Does It Feel Paper	25
Parent Night Presentation 	75
Family Challenge Project 	100
Parent Letters	20
Parent Handbook sections	50
3 Exams	150
Weekly Homework	150
Discussion Thread Participation	150

**General Notes:**

EC Program Policy: The ability to communicate professionally is very important for the Early Childhood Professional. Therefore, 10% of all scores will be based on grammar, punctuation and spelling. The instructor reserves the right to return particularly poorly written assignments to be re-written before they are graded. The student may not request a re-grade; this is only offered by the instructor. Students may have one chance to redo an assignment to make corrections and improve their grade.

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⌘ These assignments are common to all sections of this course. They are suggested artifacts for the student's Professional Portfolio. However, the student will select work he/she believes best reflects his/her competence in meeting the Program Outcomes.

The instructor may make changes in this syllabus including course content, schedule of activities, assignments, and point distribution to better meet the needs of the students at any time during the semester.

## **INSTRUCTOR POLICIES:**

### **Attendance:**

Any student who misses two consecutive weeks of class during a regular sixteen week semester or the equivalent proportion of the class time during a shorter session will be dropped from the class by the instructor unless acceptable justification is supplied. Additionally, any student who misses more than one-fourth of the entire number of in-seat class meetings in a regular 16- week semester or the equivalent proportion of class time during a shorter session, may be dropped from that class by that instructor if, in the opinion of the instructor, the student does not have reasonable opportunity to succeed in the class. A student's attendance rate will be calculated based upon first day of semester (not the student's date of enrollment in the course).

For online, hybrid, and virtual courses: Student attendance in these courses is defined as active participation in the course. Online, hybrid, and virtual courses will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for student participation, such as any or all of the following methods:

- a. Completion of quizzes or exams
- b. Submission of assignments
- c. Participation in threaded discussions
- d. Communication with the instructor

A student who does not participate in an online, hybrid, or virtual course for two consecutive weeks will be dropped by the instructor unless acceptable justification is supplied. As with ground courses, a student's attendance rate in online courses will also be calculated based upon the first day of the semester. If a student does not demonstrate active participation in the online course within the first two weeks (or the equivalent proportion of class time during a short session), the student will be dropped as "never attended". Simply logging into an online class does not constitute active participation.

### For Virtual/Blackboard Collaborate Attendance:

In a virtual class participation includes being able to hear and respond orally during Blackboard Collaborate sessions. A working headset is mandatory to meet this requirement.

If there is a technology glitch that disconnects freezes or otherwise interferes with the instructor's transmission, you are expected to wait ten (10) minutes before leaving Blackboard Collaborate. If the instructor is not able to reconnect, or communicate with you through Blackboard Collaborate, after 10 minutes, she will post an announcement in Tristate with further instructions as soon as possible.

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*Note:* Although it is the student's right to make judgments about the legitimacy of his/her absence from class, the instructor must follow college policy. It is important to notify your instructor in writing or by email in advance of planned absences and as soon as possible in the event of emergency absences, Assignments do count as part of your attendance and should be turned in even when absent. However, the instructor makes every effort to make class time valuable to student success, so absences (including tardiness or leaving early) do affect the student's ability to be successful in the course and may lead to dismissal or failure. Therefore, it is recommended that you make arrangements with another student to get notes, handouts and assignments. DO NOT contact instructor for this information.

Students should be aware that dropping a course **and** their last date of attendance in the course may impact their financial aid.

**Tardiness:**

See "Instructor Policies" on our website for discussion about writing this policy.

**Make-up and late work:**

All assignments should be submitted by [time] of the date due. You may have a **one week** extension on **three assignments** during the semester. You must contact the instructor **by email** within 24 hours of the due date and time. If contact is not made within 24 hours, a 25% deduction from the final grade will be assessed for the 24 hours after the original deadline. There will be an additional 25% deduction for each additional 24 hours the assignment is late. That means the best grade you can get on this late work is a "C" and after four days it is a "0". Since you have three free passes, there will be no further appeals accepted for late work.

**Extra-credit work:**

Per instructor policy. Must show improved mastery of the specific content of the course. It should only be granted to students who have submitted all regular work on time. There may be occasional opportunities to earn additional points in this class by completing supplementary assignments to improve mastery of material you found difficult. To be eligible for this extra credit, all regular assignments must have been submitted on time. In keeping with the program emphasis on writing skills, you may also earn an extra credit point by correcting a written error in handouts or tests produced by the instructor. Submit your correction in writing.

**Using other Sources:**

Educators commonly borrow ideas and activities from books, other teachers, co-workers, students, the Internet, magazines, workshops, etc. While it is permissible to use these resources, it is important that you tell us where you found the idea. Failure to do so is plagiarism. At a minimum, you need to cite the name of the author and title of the source or the person's name.

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### **Internet Requirements:**

As in the nature of an Online or Hybrid course, the bulk of the work required for student assessment must be submitted through Canvas. This requires regular access to a word processing program and internet.

Basic Computer Specifications for Canvas: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2059>

Supported Browsers for Canvas: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-1284>

If you have difficulties logging onto Canvas contact MACC's Help Desk at 660-263-4100 ext. 11555 during the regular business day.

For general questions and assistance any of our online resources, contact MACC's Instructional Technology Team at 660-263-4100 ext. 11525 or by email at [int@macc.edu](mailto:int@macc.edu).

If you have technical difficulties with Canvas, contact Canvas Support. You can access 24/7 online resources and support within Canvas. After you log in, click the Help icon in the bottom left corner of your screen. The menu that pops up provides quick access to Canvas 24/7 email and chat support as well as [Canvas Guides](#).

If you are having difficulties with Blackboard Collaborate contact Black board Collaborate Technical Support. Go to Behind the Blackboard ([https://blackboard.secure.force.com/btbb\\_publichome?dfprod=Collaborate](https://blackboard.secure.force.com/btbb_publichome?dfprod=Collaborate)) for online/chat support, or call them toll free at 1 (877) 382-2293.

Additional helpful information about navigating the online environment is available in the last unit of your course, "Helpful Information".

These resources, plus others, are also provided in the student handbook (Redbook) on our website at (<http://www.macc.edu/studenthandbooks>). You can also embed help links directly in the course. If you would like assistance with this let us know.

### **Schedule of Student Assignment and Activities:**

Instructors will identify a Student Assignment/Activities schedule. Instructors have the prerogative to construct the schedule by class periods, weeks, or an overview of topics to be covered.

### **COLLEGEWIDE POLICIES:**

All faculty and students need to be aware of collegewide policies and procedures. Statements on Academic Dishonesty, ADA, Attendance, Title IX, and other important collegewide policies can be accessed by clicking on the following: [Collegewide Policies in Student Resources](#).

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