

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**  
**Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and**  
**Wellness, Legal and Protective Services**

**CHED 1203 (Environments for Young Children)**

**Catalog Description:**

This course is designed to provide the student with a broad knowledge base on how to design a program for children developing both typically and atypically. The course provides the opportunity to plan environments that are physically and emotionally secure. Students plan and implement activities that are age, stage and culturally appropriate for children birth to five.

**Co-requisites:** CHED 1201.

**Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:**

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**Course Objectives:**

- Evaluate early childhood environments for children Birth through Pre-kindergarten, including children with special needs for developmental appropriateness (NAEYC 1a, 1b, 1c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4b, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e)
- Apply new knowledge regarding how children grow and learn in a childcare setting designed for children Birth through Pre-kindergarten, including children with special needs (NAEYC 1a, 1b, 4c, 4d)
- Create a developmentally appropriate environment for young children through interactive software. (NAEYC 1a,b,c,2a,4b,c,d)
- Plan, implement, and evaluate developmentally appropriate activities to meet the needs of young children including children with special needs. (NAEYC 1a,b,c,3b,4b,c,d)
- Examine and evaluate learning materials for young children in all areas of the indoor and outdoor classroom. (NAEYC 1a,b,c,4a,b,d)

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**Learning Outcomes and Methods of Evaluation:**

The students will be able to apply knowledge of developmentally appropriate practices and developmental stages of children in practical applications as they assess children, plan learning environments, and create activities and lesson plans for a group of children (and individual children within that group). Students will complete homework assignments and projects with a combined grade of 70 percent or better.