

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

ECTC 2703 (Preschool Curriculum)

Catalog Description:

This course is based on the foundation of research in child development and focuses on planning and implementing enriching environments with appropriate interactions and activities for young children (3 through 5) including those with special needs, to maximize physical, cognitive, communication, creative, language/ literacy, and social/emotional growth and development. Competencies are based on standards developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for quality early childhood settings. Also covered:

Information on the Quality Approval process and Accreditation for Early Childhood settings in Arkansas, now called Better Beginnings

Arkansas Frameworks Handbook for Three and Four Year Olds

Prerequisites:

CHED 1003 & CHED 2033

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:

3/3/3

Course Goals:

- As a result of taking this course, you will be an advocate for developmentally appropriate practices in settings where preschool children are developing and learning

- As a result of taking this course, you will be able to model developmentally appropriate environments and curriculum for parents and colleagues

Course Objectives:

- As a result of taking this course, you will be able to

- Define and describe developmentally appropriate practices for all preschoolers to families and colleagues, including environments, activities, schedules, and interactions

- Implement developmentally appropriate practices in a preschool setting