EDU 325 : Emergent Literacy in Urban Early Childhood Education

A. Course Description

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: 
EDU 200 Introduction to Urban Education and Reflective Teaching AND 
EDU 203 Multicultural Education

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course will cover the normal development of skills and understandings necessary for a young child to learn to read and write. The individual nature of readiness and the differences in children's approaches to learning to read and write will be a focus of the course. The instructional strategies and materials that constitute a developmentally and culturally appropriate reading and language arts program for young urban children will be presented and used in practice sessions. The important role of multicultural literature in an emergent literacy curriculum for diverse urban children from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and families will be emphasized. Clinical field experience hours are part of the course requirements.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/25/2010 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Provide a foundation for literacy development through exposure to books, stories, language experiences and activities.
2. Apply child development understandings to develop a differentiated literacy curriculum for urban children.
3. Assess children's progress in the development of emergent literacy skills.
4. Communicate and collaborate with parents on the development of literacy skills.
5. Encourage the development of language and communication skills.
6. Encourage the use and construction of literacy skills.
7. Understand and be able to use child development and learning in planning for literacy activities.
8. Understand how children's development and learning are integrated in the development of literacy activities.
10. Use the central concepts and tools of inquiry for teaching language and literacy.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Note: Admission to Urban Teacher Program or Department approval required to register. Clinical field experience hours are part of the course requirements.