

**ECME 117L**  
**Practicum Curriculum Development through Play**  
**Birth through Age 4 (PreK)**  
**(co-requisite with ECME 117)**  
**ECME 117L.501**  
**CRN 53664**  
**UNM-Valencia**  
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**Textbook Required**

*Kostelnik, Marjorie J., Anne K. Soderman, Alice P. Whirren, and Michelle L. Rupiper.*  
*Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum: Best Practices in Early Childhood Education. 6th ed.*  
*Boston: Pearson, 2015. Print.*

**Course Description**

The beginning practicum course is a co-requisite with the course Curriculum Development through Play-Birth through Age 4. The field based component of this course will provide experiences that address curriculum content that is relevant for children birth through age four in developmentally and culturally sensitive ways of integrating content into teaching and learning experiences. Information on adapting content areas to meet the needs of children with special needs and the development of IFSPs is included. Curriculum development in all areas, including literacy, numeracy, the arts, health, science, social skills, and adaptive learning for children, birth through age four, is emphasized.

**Course Competencies**

This course is part of the articulated Universal Catalogue of Courses for Early Childhood Education in the State of New Mexico. The following objectives are taken from the New Mexico State Department of Education's Common Core Competencies for early childhood professionals (see Common Core Content manual). Upon completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate the following competencies at the established level of proficiency:

- Provide a variety of activities that facilitate development of the whole child in the following areas: Physical/motor, social/emotional, language/cognitive and adaptive/living skills. A.5

- Develop, implement and evaluate an integrated curriculum that focuses on children's development and interests, using their language, home experiences, and cultural values. D.5
- Provides and uses anti-bias materials and literature, and experiences in all content areas of the curriculum. D.7
- Create and manage inclusive learning environments that provide individual and cooperative opportunities for children to construct their own knowledge through various strategies that include decision--making, problem solving, and inquiry experiences. E.4
- Demonstrate understanding that each child's creative expression is unique and can be encouraged through diverse ways, including creative play. E.5
- Plan blocks of uninterrupted time for children to persist at self-chosen activities, both indoors and outdoors. E.6
- Demonstrate understanding of the influence of the physical setting, schedule, routines, and transitions on children and use these experiences to promote children's development and learning. E.7
- Use and explain the rationale for developmentally appropriate methods that include play, small group projects, open-ended questioning group discussion, problem solving, cooperative learning and inquiry experiences to help young children develop intellectual curiosity, solve problems, and make decisions. E.8

### **Practicum Hours and Instructor Observations**

Each student must complete the NM state requirement of 60 hours of participation time at the practicum site. Plan to fulfill 5-6 hours per week during the semester. You may do this once or twice per week. Your cooperating teacher will observe you and document your hours on the Practicum Time Sheet. The Practicum Time Sheet is a legal document; please do not lose it. During the semester, I will visit your site twice to observe you.

### **Students with Disabilities and Special Learning Needs**

Student Services provides a number of services for students with documented special needs. The Equal Access Office number is 925-8910. If you have a documented disability, please provide me with a copy of your letter from Equal Access Services as soon as possible to ensure that your accommodations are provided in a timely manner.

### **Academic Support**

Student tutors are available for tutoring appointments at The Learning Resource Center. For more information phone 925-8907.

## Grading

60 Practicum hours 75%

Reflection Journal: 25%

Keep weekly observational entries in a journal. Consider the following:

- Look for, record and discuss specific, evidence of what the teachers do during care giving routines (feeding, diapering, toileting, etc.) that demonstrates warm, responsive, nurturing behaviors of care.
- Reflect upon how you incorporate what the teachers do in your own interactions with children.
- Look for, record, and discuss specific evidence of a safe, healthy, and developmentally appropriate environment. Reflect upon how you have supported a healthy environment for the children in the program.
- Look for, record, and discuss specific evidence that demonstrates how the teachers support the physical and intellectual competence, and positive social and emotional development of the children. How have you observed the teachers providing positive guidance for all children, and establishing productive relationships with families: Reflect upon the skills you need to further develop in any of these areas?

Total 100%

## Percentages and Grade Equivalent

100-97 <b>A+</b>	89-87 <b>B+</b>	79-77 <b>C+</b>	69-66 <b>D+</b>	
96-93 <b>A</b>	86-83 <b>B</b>	76-73 <b>C</b>	65-62 <b>D</b>	
92-90 <b>A-</b>	82-80 <b>B-</b>	72-70 <b>C-</b>	61-59 <b>D-</b>	58-0 <b>F</b>

## Dishonesty in Academic Matters

As stated in 2014-2016 UNM-Valencia Catalog:

Each student is expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, including dismissal, against any student who is found responsible for academic dishonesty. Any student who has been judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course.

Academic dishonesty includes , but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; and misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or outside the University (11)

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**Course Schedule**

*Bring your Practicum Time Sheet to each class meeting.*

**Week 1**

8/20      Practicum Site Reporting

**Week 3**

9/3      Sign up for Observations

**Week 5**

9/17      Practicum Reflections

**Week 8**

10/8      Practicum Reflections

**Week 11**

10/29      Practicum Reflections

**Week 16**

12/3      **Reflection Journal Due**

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