George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Elementary Education

EDUC 543 Section 002
Child Development: Children, Family, Culture, and Schools (4-12 year olds)
Spring 2019 (January 22- May 8)
Mondays 10:30-1:10, Thompson 1020, Fairfax Campus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

A. **Prerequisites:** Admission to Elementary Education licensure program
B. **University Catalog Course Description:** Examines child and family development and ways children, families, schools, and communities interrelate. Links children's developing physical, social, emotional, and cognitive abilities to planning curriculum and developing instructional strategies.
C. **Expanded Course Description:** N/A
D. **Course Delivery Method:** Face-to-Face
E. **Field Hours:** This course requires 15 hours of field observation. Additional details are in the 'assignments' section.

NATURE OF COURSE DELIVERY

This course is structured to use multiple instructional formats. We will engage in face-to-face class sessions as well as online discussions and activities. Face-to-face class sessions will include small/large group discussions and tasks, lecture, and student led activities. **These courses require 15 hours of field experience.**

Technical Requirements
To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:
- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
    o The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:
    o Adobe Acrobat Reader: https://get.adobe.com/reader/
    o Windows Media Player: https://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/windows-media-player/
    o Apple Quick Time Player: www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

Class Expectations
- Course Week: Our course week will begin on Mondays as that our class meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.
- Log-in Frequency:

Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least twice per week.

- Participation:
Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.

- Technical Competence:
Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.

- Technical Issues:
Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

- Workload:
Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.

- Instructor Support:
Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.

- Netiquette:
The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words*. Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.

- Accommodations:
Learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

LEARNER OUTCOMES

Teacher candidates completing EDUC 543 will be able to:
1. detail the stages of typical human development in the domains of: (a) cognition, (b) language, (c) social/emotional and (d) physical in children ages 4-12.
2. identify interconnections between culture, family, community, and school, and the dynamic interaction between teachers, parents and community members necessary to promote children's growth and learning.
3. read and reflect upon contemporary theories of human development and their relevance to educational practices in elementary schools.
4. observe the diversity of students and their families and demonstrate effective anti-bias educational approaches for use in classrooms with diverse learners.
5. identify and discuss teacher's role in working with families in culturally diverse communities and fostering their engagement in their child's education.

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE, STUDENTS WILL HAVE MET THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Program Standards for Elementary Teacher Preparation
1. Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior among students at the K-6 level to foster active engagement in learning, self motivation, and positive social interaction and to create supportive learning environment.
2. Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the elementary classroom.
3. Candidates understand practices and behaviors that identify and develop the competence of a professional career teacher.

Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI) Standards
   1.0 Development, learning, and motivation: Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to development of children and young adolescents to construct learning opportunities that support individual students' development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation.
   3.2 Adaptation to diverse students: Candidates understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students.

   5.1 Professional growth, reflection, and evaluation: Candidates are aware of and reflect on their practice in light of research on teaching, professional ethics, and resources available for professional learning; they continually evaluate the effects of their professional decisions and actions on students, families and other professionals in the learning community and actively seek out opportunities to grow professionally.
   5.2 Collaboration with families, colleagues, and community agencies: Candidates know the importance of establishing and maintaining a positive collaborative relationship with families, school colleagues, and agencies in the larger community to promote the intellectual, social, emotional, physical growth and well-being of children.

InTASC Standards (The Interstate Teacher Assessment & Support Consortium):
   Standard #1: Learner Development: **The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.**

   Standard #2: Learning Differences: **The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.**

   Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration: **The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.**

Virginia State Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel:
   A. Instructional personnel shall be able to demonstrate effective use of a computer system and utilize computer software.
   B. Instructional personnel shall be able to apply knowledge of terms associated with educational computing and technology.
   C. Instructional personnel shall be able to apply computer productivity tools for professional use.
   D. Instructional personnel shall be able to use electronic technologies to access and exchange information.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts

McDevitt, T. & Ormrod, J. (2015). *Child Development and Education. (6th ed.).* Pearson.

Wood, C. (2007). *Yardsticks: Children in the classroom ages 4-14 (3rd ed.).* Turners Fall, MA: Northeast Foundation for Children.

You can purchase the book(s) at the bookstore or online (i.e., Amazon). In addition to the textbook, supplementary readings are uploaded as PDF files on our Blackboard site. To access our Blackboard site, please use Mozilla Firefox (a free downloadable browser that is most compatible with the Blackboard software). Then go to mymasonportal.gmu.edu and log on using your GMU ID and password. For help logging onto Blackboard, contact Teaching and Learning with Technology [see http://itusupport.gmu.edu or call 703-993-8870].

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS & EVALUATIONS

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

1. **Assignment Descriptions**
  a. **Attendance and Participation** (5 points per week/**75 points total**)
     This course operates with the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed and the most meaningful learning opportunities are those where you have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers. To do this **it is expected that you attend all scheduled classes and asynchronous/synchronous online meetings** outlined within the syllabus. This is especially important given the short timeframe of these courses. Absence from class to observe a religious holiday, to serve jury duty, or to participate in required military service, and medical emergencies are exceptions to the above policy. If you anticipate being absent for any of these reasons, please make arrangements at least 48 hours in advance. In addition, **you are expected to be on time to class** each week unless advance notice has been provided to the instructor.

     Students are expected to contribute to both class and online discussion and activities as well as genuinely listen to peers as they do the same. The instructor will also call on students in order to maximize classroom opportunities to hear from ALL of the students enrolled in the course. *Remember, participation is more than just talking*. Participation should raise the level of academic discourse, which may include asking questions and encouraging exploration, consideration, and learning. *To be active participants in class, you must complete all pre-assigned readings and tasks before the class session for which they are assigned.* Additionally, laptops and cell phones are for emergency use only and **it is expected that you will not use laptops and cell phones in class** for purposes such as texting, social media, or phone calls. You may be asked to put your devices away.

  b. *Literature Circle (7.5 points per Lit Circle/6 circles/**45 points total**)*
     There is a good deal of reading in this course, and it is your responsibility to read the assigned book and article selections every week. Just completing the readings is not enough to maximize your learning

opportunities. Therefore, we will use literature circles during classtime to frame our discussions of the readings as well as apply the readings to practice. For the activity, you will assume one of the literature circle roles and record your responses accordingly. Your grade will be based on both a peer and self-evaluation of 1) your weekly completion of your literature circle role and 2) your engagement in the group discussion. We will discuss this assignment in the first class.

c. *Physical Activity Report (21 points total)* — **PBA* - March 17th at 11:59pm**
In your observation groups, you will observe the physical activity and movement possibilities within your observation classroom. Through observation and interview, you will begin to understand physical capabilities of your observed student as well as the physical, instructional movements incorporated within his/her daily school routines. To comprehensively develop this report, you should complete **eight hours of observation** and **one interview** with your observation student [also selected for your observation report]. Based upon the data collected, you will use that data to:
1) Describe the physical observations collected. (Think: *What did we observe regarding these students' physical activity? Consider discussion of the observations in the classroom and school as well as the information gleamed from each interview.*)
2) Analyze and summarize the findings based on your knowledge of the observed students' typical physical capabilities. (Think: *What does typical physical development look like at this age? What does this data tell me about these students' physical activity? How does the literature speak to what this means for these students' physical development?*)
3) Demonstrate your understanding of the importance of active, healthy lifestyles for young children by discussing the implications of your findings for your future teaching. (Think: *What would I do in my classroom in terms of incorporating physical activity and movement? What activities would I incorporate in my classroom to foster healthy life styles, enhanced quality of life and student learning?*)

d. *Community Mapping Activity (25 points): Group assignment*
In your field experience school groups, you will complete a community mapping activity and presentation shared between EDUC 542 and this course. The purpose of this activity is to familiarize you with the myriad of factors that influence students' daily school experiences.

As you work at your field hours schools, you will gather materials to create a brief presentation (10-15 minutes max) that introduces us to the following aspects of your school:
1) a visual tour of both your school and the surrounding community
2) school description/demographics
3) community description/demographics
4) aspects of your school that make it unique
5) intersection of course readings/discussions with your school experiences.

It is highly suggested that your group considers the aspects of the ecological systems model (Bronfenbrenner, 1994) as you plan and conduct research and analyze the information gathered at your field experience site.

A rubric will be provided closer to the date of the presentation. The presentation can take any format that your group prefers. Be creative. *Please be cognizant of taking pictures of children—any photographs need to be used only for the purposes of this assignment and not distributed/used in any other forum including social media.*

e. *Observation Report (75 points)* **PBA* - due dates throughout semester; Final May 8th**
As you prepare to become developmentally-appropriate teachers, you will construct a case study documenting one student's ecological influences and key developmental capacities that may influence his/her learning as well

as your teaching practice. First, you will build off your findings from the Community Mapping Activity to highlight how ecological factors of this child's development are evidenced in the observed classroom and school settings. Additionally, you will document how the teacher considers the observed student's familial and cultural influences. Second, you will observe a child's physical, cognitive and affective (i.e., emotional, social and moral) domains of development and how the teacher attends to the student's developmental needs. Last you will reflect on the similarities and differences of the student in comparison to another classmates' observed student and also speak to how you as a future elementary teacher might teach this observed child. There are not a specific number of pages, but most are 12-20 pages in length. Write-ups of your observation reports will include the following 4 sections:

1. **Heading**: Observer name, Grade level, Instructor Name

2. **Ethnographic report** on classroom climate and culture culture (Built from community mapping project)
   Topics to cover:
   - ✓ The learning environment: teacher's organization, rules and expectations, etc.
   - ✓ Student demographics
   - ✓ How the teacher uses developmental information to organize and prepare the learning environment

3. **Anecdotal reports** on observations of **one** selected elementary student. Choose a child who has a different cultural background from you.
   Topics to cover:
   - ✓ **Physical Development**; physical growth, eating habits, physical activity, rest and sleep, health
   - ✓ **Cognitive Development**: stage of cognitive development according to Piaget, Vygotsky's socio-cultural theory, self-talk/inner speech, socio-cultural/diversity factors; cognitive processes such as, attention, memory, thinking and reasoning, metacognition
   - ✓ **Affective Development:** *Emotional Development*: Erikson's identity theory, emotion, temperament and personality; *Social Development:* sense of self, social cognitions, self esteem, perspective taking, peer interactions, self regulation, interpersonal behaviors; *Moral Development*: intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, Kohlberg's theory, moral reasoning

4. **Compare and Reflect**: Compare your observation reports with a classmates' observed student. Identify similarities and differences across reports. Investigate and reflect on how children within a similar grade (and even school) may differ developmentally, culturally and academically. Consider how you as a future developmentally-appropriate teacher will address these developmental similarities and differences in your classroom. Prepare a written report on this comparison and reflection.

2. **Assignment Points and Grading**

Course Outcomes	Assignments		Total Points	Due Date
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Attendance and Participation		24 points	Weekly
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Literature Circles	2 points/ Lit Circle (6)	12 points	Weekly
1, 3	Physical Activity Report*		12 points	Friday March 8 at 11:59pm
1, 2, 5, 7, 8	Community Mapping Activity		12 points	Thursday April 4 in 542 class

4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Draft of Ethnographic Report		5 points	Friday April 12 at 11:59pm
4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Draft of Anecdotal Report		5 points	Friday April 26 at 11:59pm
4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Observation Report*		30 points	Wed May 8 at 11:59pm
	*PBAs		100 points	

Grade	GRADING	Grade Points	Interpretation
A+	=100	4.00	Represents mastery of the subject through effort beyond basic requirements
A	94-99	4.00	
A-	90-93	3.67	
B+	88-89	3.33	Reflects an understanding of and the ability to apply theories and principles at a basic level
B	80-87	3.00	
C*	70-79	2.00	Denotes an unacceptable level of understanding and application of the basic elements of the course
F*	<69	0.00	

REMEMBER: Students enrolled in this degree program **must** earn a B or higher in all course work.

Grading Policy

All CEHD/CHSS undergraduate and graduate students are held to the university grading policies as described in the Academic Policies section of the current catalog, which can be accessed at http://catalog.gmu.edu At George Mason University course work is measured in terms of quantity and quality. A credit normally represents one hour per week of lecture or recitation or not fewer than two hours per week of laboratory work throughout a semester. The number of credits is a measure of quantity. The grade is a measure of quality.

3. **Other Assignment Expectations**
- All written assignments **MUST** be double-spaced, 1" margins and black, 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial). APA format is required. If you do not have the APA Manual 6th edition, the OWL at Purdue is an excellent resource: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/.
- All assignments must be submitted to Blackboard on the due date stated within the syllabus. All assignments must be saved with your Last Name and Assignment Title (e.g., Bean_Observation Reports).
- All assignments are expected on time. Unless prior arrangements have been made with me, **late submissions will not be accepted.**
- **Please Note:** The GMU Writing Center offers online support via email. They will provide feedback on your writing within one hour. Graduate and professional writing can be difficult; I encourage you to take advantage of this service. http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page_id=177
  - *Note: I reserve the right to add, alter, or omit any assignment as necessary during the course of the semester.*

4. **Performance-based assessments (PBA*)**
   For the Observation Reports assignment, you need to be upload that final product to Blackboard. The rubric is attached at the end of this syllabus.

   TK20 PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS:
   Every student registered for any Elementary Education course with a required performance-based assessment is required to submit this assessment, *Observation Reports*, to TK20 through Blackboard (regardless of whether

a course is an elective, a onetime course or part of an undergraduate minor). Evaluation of the performance-based assessment by the instructor will be provided in TK20 through Blackboard. Failure to submit the assessment to TK20 (through Blackboard) will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Unless this grade is changed upon completion of the required TK20 submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.

Professional Dispositions
Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. (See Elementary Education Program Handbook).

CLASS SCHEDULE
Note: Calendar is tentative and may be modified in line with course needs.

Date	Guiding Questions/Topics	Readings	Assignment *(due on the noted date)*
Week 1 **Jan 28**	*Getting to know each other!* *Making a difference in the lives of children*	Syllabus Review McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 1: p. 1-11	Read syllabus and assigned readings Complete student information form (in class) Literature circle planning (will organize in class)
Week 2 **Feb 4**	*Theories of child development* *Ecological model of development*	Readings Uploaded to Blackboard: • Bronfenbrenner (1994) – skip section 4 • Ecological Model Handout McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 1: p. 11-32	Literature circle discussion (1)
Week 3 **Feb 11**	*What does it mean to become a partner with families?* *How will you develop home-school partnerships?*	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 3: p. 67-97	Literature circle discussion (2)
Week 4 **Feb 18**	*How does the brain influence physical development and learning?*	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 5: p. 152-184 and 192-195 *Optional: p. 185-191*	

Week 5 Feb 25	*What is culture? What are our personal biases of culture?* *How does teachers' cultural biases impact children's development and learning?*	Readings Uploaded to Blackboard: • Towards A Conception of Culturally Responsive Classroom • But That's Just Good Teaching! The Case for Culturally Relevant Pedagogy McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 3: p. 97-112	Literature circle discussion (3)
Week 6 Mar 4	*What theories of cognitive development influence how we teach elementary students?* Piaget/Vygotsky	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 6	**Physical Activity Report due** *(Please remember to upload to Tk20 and Blackboard!)*
Spring Break			
Week 7 Mar 18	*Cognitive processes: Metacognition* & *Working with students with exceptionalities*	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 7	
Week 8 Mar 25	*How will you address your students' intelligences in the classroom?*	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 8	Literature circle discussion (4)
Week 9 Apr 4 (Thurs)	Community Mapping Activity Presentations (joint session w/ EDUC 542)		**Community Mapping Presentation due (in class)**
Week 10 Apr 8	*Emotional development* *And Development of the "Self"*	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapters 11 and 12	**Rough draft of Ethnographic Report due April 12th at 11:59 pm**
Week 11 Apr 15	*Self Regulation and Motivation Moral Development*	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 13 and 14	Literature circle discussion (5)

Week 12 Apr 22 (online)	*What do elementary teachers need to know to support students with mental health needs?*	Online Modules	**Rough draft of Anecdotal Report due on April 26th at 11:59 pm**
Week 13 Apr 29	*How does your knowledge of development apply to working with children who experience trauma?*	**Readings Uploaded to Blackboard** • Helping Students in an age of Terrorism • Helping Elementary Age Children Cope • Post-traumatic stress disorder in Children: What Elem Teachers Should Know • NPR: To head off traumas legacy: Start young	Literature circle discussion (6) **Exchange Final Draft with Assigned Peer in Class**
Week 14 May 6	*Peer Relationships* *Course Evaluations*	McDevitt/Ormrod Chapter 15	**Peer Review of Final Draft due in class May 6th at 4:30pm**
Final Observation Reports due on Wednesday May 8th at 11:59pm *(Please remember to upload to Tk20 and Blackboard!)*			

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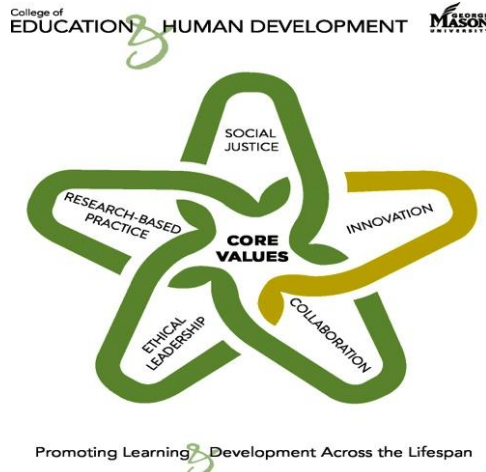
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GMU EXPECTATIONS, RESOURCES AND POLICIES

Policies

·   Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/).

·   Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing
(see http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/).

·   Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.

·   Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see http://ods.gmu.edu/).

·   Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

• Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/.

• The Writing Center provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing (see http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/).

- The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance (see http://caps.gmu.edu/).

- The Student Support & Advocacy Center staff helps students develop and maintain healthy lifestyles through confidential one-on-one support as well as through interactive programs and resources. Some of the topics they address are healthy relationships, stress management, nutrition, sexual assault, drug and alcohol use, and sexual health (see http://ssac.gmu.edu/). Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone at 703-993-3686. Concerned students, faculty and staff may also make a referral to express concern for the safety or well-being of a Mason student or the community by going to http://ssac.gmu.edu/make-a-referral/.

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

You are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts by visiting the website https://alert.gmu.edu. There are emergency posters in each classroom explaining what to do in the event of crises. Further information about emergency procedures exists on http://gmu.edu/service/cert.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LICENSURE COMPLETION

Beginning with Spring 2015 internships, all official and passing test scores must be submitted and in the Mason system (i.e. Banner/PatriotWeb) by the internship application deadline. Allow a minimum of six weeks for official test scores to arrive at Mason. Testing too close to the application deadline means scores will not arrive in time and the internship application will not be accepted.

Required tests:
- Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (or qualifying substitute)
- VCLA
- RVE
- Praxis II (Content Knowledge exam in your specific endorsement area)

For details, please check http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/test/.

Endorsements:
Please note that ALL endorsement coursework must be completed, with all transcripts submitted and approved by the CEHD Endorsement Office, prior to the internship application deadline. Since the internship application must be submitted in the semester prior to the actual internship, please make an appointment to meet with the Endorsement Specialist and plan the completion of your Endorsements accordingly.

CPR/AED/First Aid:
Beginning with spring 2015 internships, verification that the Emergency First Aid, CPR, and Use of AED Certification or Training requirement must be submitted and in the Mason system (i.e. Banner/PatriotWeb) by the application deadline. Students must submit one of the "acceptable evidence" documents listed at http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/emergency-first-aid to CEHD Student and Academic Affairs. In order to have the requirement reflected as met in the Mason system, documents can be scanned/e-mailed to CEHDacad@gmu.edu or dropped-off in Thompson Hall, Suite 2300.

Background Checks/Fingerprints:
All local school systems require students to complete a criminal background check through their human resources office (not through George Mason University) prior to beginning field hours and internship. Detailed instructions on the process will be sent to the student from either the school system or Mason. Students are strongly advised to disclose any/all legal incidents that may appear on their records. The consequence of failing to do so, whether or not such incidents resulted in conviction, is termination of the field hours or internship.

Please Note: Your G-Number must be clearly noted (visible and legible) on the face of the document(s) that you submit.

Application Deadlines:
The internship application can be downloaded at http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/internships-field-experience. Spring internship application:
- Traditional semester long internship: September 15

Fall internship application:
- Traditional semester long internship: February 15
- Year Long Internship: April 1 (All testing deadlines are August 1 immediately preceding the fall start; RVE deadline is December 1)

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Topic	Does Not Meet 1	Approaches Standard 2	Meets Standard 3	Exceeds Standard 4

Describe the physical observations collected **INTASC 1 ACEI 1**	Candidate does not describe observed students' physical activity.	Candidate describes only some observed students' physical activity with mention only of 1-2 sources of data.	Candidate describes all observed students' physical activity with general discussion of observations and interview data.	Candidate describes all observed students' physical activity with full discussion of observations and interview data.
Assess observations to typical development **INTASC 1 ACEI 1**	Candidate does not discuss age appropriate physical development.	Candidate describes findings from physical activity observations but does not incorporate general knowledge of student learners and learner development.	Candidate uses general knowledge of student learners and learner development to describe findings from physical activity observations.	Candidate uses detailed, research based knowledge of student learners and learner development to describe findings from physical activity observations.
Implications of findings for future teaching **INTASC 1, 2 ACEI 1, 3.2**	Candidate does not use their knowledge of physical development literature to describe implications future teaching.	Candidate describes implications for future teaching but does not incorporate general knowledge of physical development literature.	Candidate uses general knowledge of physical development literature to describe implications for future teaching.	Candidate uses detailed, research based knowledge of physical development literature to describe implications for future teaching.
Activities for fostering healthy lifestyle **INTASC 1, 2 ACEI 1.0, 3.2, 5.2**	Candidate does not use knowledge of human and physical development literature to explain activities that foster active healthy life styles in their future classroom.	Candidate explains activities for future classroom that foster active healthy life styles but does not incorporate general knowledge of human and physical development literature.	Candidate uses general knowledge of human and physical development literature to explain activities that foster active healthy life styles in future classroom.	Candidate uses detailed, research based knowledge of human and physical development literature to explain activities that foster active healthy life styles in future classroom.

Observation Reports (PBA) Rubric

Standards	Distinguished (met) 4	Proficient (met) 3	Developing (not met) 2	Beginning (not met) 1	Score
Knows and understands the major concepts, principles, theories and research associated with the physical, cognitive, social/emotional, and language development of children ages 4-12. (ACEI 1.0)	Content is accurate, complete, clearly stated, and appropriately referenced. Uses in-depth knowledge of the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and linguistic development and learning characteristics of children ages 4-12 to give detailed description of child's whole development, abilities, interests, values and cultural background from many theoretical perspectives.	Content is accurate, generally complete, and clearly stated. Uses knowledge of the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and linguistic development and learning characteristics of children ages 4-12 to describe child's development, from several theoretical perspectives.	Content is accurate, but is incomplete. Uses nascent knowledge of the development of children ages 4-12 to give brief description of the child's development with some reference to theoretical perspectives.	Content is not accurate, is incomplete, and lacks clarity. Does not demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and linguistic development and learning characteristics of children ages 4-12 and fails to give adequate description of child's development supported by examples.	
Uses child development theory and observation to create a comprehensive description of the child's physical development. (ACEI 1.0)	An exhaustive description and discussion of the child's physical development with detailed reference to child development theory.	A full description and discussion of the child's physical development with general reference to child development theory.	A general description and discussion of the child's physical development with some reference to child development theory.	A brief description and discussion of the child's physical development with little or no reference to child development theory.	
Uses child development theory and observation to create a comprehensive description of the child's	Exhaustive description and discussion include all aspects with detailed reference to child development theory.	Description and discussion include all aspects with general reference to child development theory.	Description and discussion include some aspects with brief reference to child development theory.	Limited description and discussion includes few aspects with little or no reference to child	

cognitive development. (ACEI 1.0)				development theory.	
Uses child development theory and observational data to create a comprehensive description of the child's affective development (social, emotional). (ACEI 1.0)	Exhaustive description and discussion include all aspects with detailed reference to child development theory.	Description and discussion include all aspects with general reference to child development theory.	Description and discussion include some aspects with brief reference to child development theory.	Limited description and discussion include few aspects with little or no reference to child development theory.	
Demonstrates understanding that children aged 4-12 differ in their development. (ACEI 3.2)	Clearly stated evidence of knowledge and understanding how and why children differ in their development and the implications this has for the teacher.	Stated or implied evidence of knowledge and understanding how and why children differ in their development and the implications this has for the teacher.	Inadequate evidence of understanding and knowledge how and why children differ in their development the implications this has for the teacher.	Does not show understanding or knowledge of how and why children differ in their development.	
Demonstrates understanding that children aged 4-12 differ in their approaches to learning. (ACEI 3.2)	Clearly stated evidence of knowledge and understanding of how a child's learning is influenced by experiences, talents, disabilities, language and culture.	Stated or implied evidence of knowledge and understanding of how a child's learning is influenced by experiences, talents, disabilities, language and culture.	Inadequate evidence of knowledge and understanding of how a child's learning is influenced by experiences, talents, disabilities, language and culture.	Fails to show evidence of knowledge and understanding of how a child's learning is influenced by experiences, talents, disabilities, language and culture.	
Demonstrates knowledge of the child's ecological background including: •**Community** •**Family**	Demonstrates clear, explicit detail and comprehensive knowledge of all sociocultural and ecological backgrounds.	Demonstrates some detail and general knowledge of all sociocultural and ecological backgrounds.	Demonstrates limited detail and knowledge of sociocultural and ecological backgrounds.	Does not demonstrate awareness and knowledge of sociocultural and ecological backgrounds.	

•Demographics (e.g., race/ethnicity, language, religion) *School (ACEI 3.2 and 5.2)					
Demonstrates understanding of how the child's socio-cultural context can affect development. (ACEI 3.2, 5.1 and 5.2)	Extensive and specific discussion of socio-cultural implications for development with particular reference to case study.	Full discussion of socio-cultural implications for development with general reference to case study.	Limited discussion of socio-cultural implications for development and little reference to case study.	No discussion of socio-cultural implications for development.	
Demonstrates understanding of how the child's socio-cultural context can affect learning. (ACEI 3.2, 5.1 and 5.2)	Extensive and specific discussion of socio-cultural implications for learning with particular reference to case study.	Full discussion of socio-cultural implications for learning with general reference to case study.	Limited discussion of socio-cultural implications for learning and little reference to case study.	No discussion of socio-cultural implications for learning.	
Compare and reflect observation reports (ACEI 5.1)	Reflection addresses review of similarities and differences across developmental, cultural and academic indicators comprehensively. Exhaustive and specific discussion on how candidates will address these similarities and differences in their future classrooms.	Reflection addresses review of similarities and differences across developmental, cultural and academic indicators generally. Broad discussion on how candidates will address these similarities and differences in their future classrooms.	Limited reflection on the review of similarities and differences across developmental, cultural and academic indicators comprehensively. Limited discussion on how candidates will address these similarities and differences in their future classrooms.	No reflection on similarities and differences across reports. No discussion to how candidates will address similarities and differences in their future classrooms.	
Organization **Report adheres to written assignment expectations and demonstrates clarity, fluidity**	Highly organized report with effective transitions. Superior introduction and conclusion, which provides synthesis	Logical organization with some inconsistent transitions. Introduction and conclusion related to report aims generally and	Logical organization, with few transitions. Ineffective introduction and/or conclusion providing little	Poor organization and lacks unity. No transitions. No introduction	

and adherence to APA format.	for the aims of the report.	broad synthesis provided.	relevance to the report aims.	and/or conclusion.	
Written Mechanics **Report demonstrates grammatical correctness and evidence of proofreading.**	Superior editing. **No errors** in the following areas: spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization and adherence to APA format.	Careful editing. **Fewer than 3** errors in the following areas: spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization and adherence to APA format.	Some attempt at editing. **Fewer than 6 errors** in the following areas: spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization and adherence to APA format.	Careless editing. **More than 6 errors** in the following areas: spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization and adherence to APA format.	