

**ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

ECE 102  
INTRODUCTION TO EARLY  
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ONLINE

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Text: Who Am I in the Lives of Children? An Introduction to Early  
Childhood Education

Credits: 3 credits Prerequisite: None

Course Description: Overview of history, philosophy, and programs in early  
childhood education. Examines career opportunities as well as necessary  
skills, attitudes and professional preparation for working with children.  
Includes self-examination of abilities for interacting with children and their  
families. Observation of a variety of child development programs is required,  
and program interpretation is discussed.

Learning Outcomes:

1. The student will have been introduced to the history and philosophical  
basis of child care and early childhood education.
2. The student will have become familiar with individuals and theories,  
which have made and are making a major impact on early childhood  
education.
3. The student will have studied skills, attitudes, and professional  
preparation plans, which will contribute to success in the field.
4. The student will have participated in a self-examination process, which  
will relate the abilities and interest of the student to the profession.
5. The student will have examined a variety of services and programs and  
analyzed the implications and significance of each model.
6. The student will have explored the professional status of the profession  
and ways of making contributions to the field.

**D2L Website:** The course documents (syllabus, etc.) must be accessed on the  
internet, on our D2L course site. After the start of the class, you can access the site at:  
<https://ecc.desire2learn.com/index.asp>. Detailed information about how to access D2L  
can be found at [www.elgin.edu/online](http://www.elgin.edu/online). If you have problems logging into D2L, it is  
your responsibility to address them immediately. If you should need technical

assistance with the Desire2Learn system during the course of your online class, please contact the D2L help desk at 847-214-7506 or by email at [d2lhelpdesk@elgin.edu](mailto:d2lhelpdesk@elgin.edu).

I DO NOT RETURN PHONE CALLS OR EMAILS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT ARE COVERED ON THIS SYLLABUS.

It is vital that you keep up with the due dates in this course. Although this course is largely self-guided, the due dates are NOT optional. If you miss due dates for participation or quizzes you will receive zeros for that work unless there a serious reason for which you can provide documentation. **Do not wait until the last minute to do the work for this course.**

All work in this course will be available at the website and all assignments except the observation project will be submitted online.

EXTRA CREDIT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THIS COURSE.

### ***Methods of Evaluations:***

#### **Assignments**

Each chapter will require some type of assignment.

#### **Quizzes**

14 quizzes will be available online and must be finished by 11:59pm on the day noted in the schedule. Each quiz consists of 10 multiple choice questions.

#### **Discussion Participation**

Each chapter will require you to participate in the discussion forums located at the D2L site.

#### **Observation Project**

The observation project is required for this course. You CANNOT complete the course without doing all three observations for the course. If you DO NOT turn in a complete observation project, you will receive an F for this course.