



EDEC28002 Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education and Care Settings

Term 3 - 2022

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Corrections

Unit Profile Correction added on 24-10-22

Assessment Tasks

1 Assessment Task 1: Pedagogical approaches for children

Assessment Type

Reflective Practice Assignment

Task Description

Drawing on scenarios provided on Moodle and engagement with relevant literature, you are required to identify approaches to pedagogy for children:

- Birth - 3 Years
- 3 years - 5 years

As you consider the pedagogical approaches for the two age ranges identified, you need to consider how the pedagogies support the holistic development of the child and align with what we know about the development and characteristics of young children. You need to make explicit how such approaches support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities and contribute to the development of literacy and numeracy knowledge. Particular attention to how the pedagogical choices you make support children and are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse linguistic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds (including children with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds) is required. The centrality of responsive adult-child interactions that support the belonging and development of children needs to be discussed.

As part of your consideration, you need to identify the learning opportunities afforded to children in the scenarios and document how the learning opportunities for children reflect the theory you have examined and link to the learning outcomes of the early years learning framework and where appropriate the Kindergarten Guidelines (or similar in your State or Territory).

Your documentation may take the form of a learning story but there must be explicit attention to the learning that is occurring. There must be evidence of considering the learning that is occurring in the capabilities of literacy and numeracy. Additional annotation needs to be included to articulate why the teacher made particular pedagogical decisions. You need to reflect on the importance of documentation as a mechanism for engaging parents/carers in the educative process.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Monday (19 Dec 2022) 12:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

- Synthesis of contemporary research on early childhood pedagogies
- Articulation of knowledge of the links between early childhood pedagogies, learning theory, and knowledge of young children
- Discussion of how early childhood pedagogies support inclusive participation and learning
- Justification for the importance of responsive adult-child interactions and playfulness
- Application of strategies for data gathering, organisation, and analysis
- Documentation of children's learning with links to the relevant learning framework (EYLF)
- Reflection on the importance of documentation as a mechanism for engaging parents/carers in the educative process
- Effective, scholarly and professional communication in accordance with accepted academic conventions APA 7th

Learning Outcomes Assessed

Analyse curriculum documents to identify opportunities for children's acquisition of literacy and numeracy knowledge

in meaningful and developmentally appropriate ways

Research and apply strategies for gathering, organising, interpreting, and sharing data about children's learning with particular attention given to sharing information with important stakeholders (families)

Research a range of early childhood teaching strategies/pedagogies and theories of play that support the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development and learning of young children

Analyse the learning behaviour of children to document their strengths, needs, interests and capabilities and identify opportunities for learning

Synthesise knowledge of child development, learning theory, and contemporary research to recommend teaching strategies/pedagogies that are responsive to children's stages of development and characteristics that affect their learning

Justify pedagogical approaches and responsive adult-child interactions that support the learning of children from birth to eight years of age with reference to contemporary research literature

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2 Assessment Task 2 Professional learning presentation

Assessment Type

Presentation

Task Description

Part A.

In the previous assessment task, the focus was on pedagogies that teachers enact in the years prior to school contexts. In this assessment task, you will build on your knowledge of early childhood pedagogy to consider appropriate pedagogies in the early years of school. You are required to research pedagogies appropriate in the early years of school that support the holistic development and learning of young children. You are required to provide a synthesis of this research as an appendix to this assessment task.

Part B:

Drawing on your developing knowledge of early childhood pedagogies, you are to develop two professional development sessions for F-2 teachers. You need to make explicit how the use of appropriate pedagogies and adult-child interactions in the Foundation to Year 2 years of schooling enables young children to engage in meaningful learning across the curriculum to enhance the general capabilities of literacy and numeracy.

These PD sessions will:

1. Provide theoretical knowledge (perhaps key readings) for the participants
2. Use vignettes (from websites such as AITSL, and Dept of Education) to show how pedagogies might look in an F-2 classroom where the pedagogies align with what we know about young children, their way of learning, the developing brain, and their development across the domains of development
3. Identify how the environment supports appropriate pedagogies for children in the F-2 classroom

Part C:

In this final section, you are asked to reflect on why teachers need to engage in continued professional learning during their teaching career and also show evidence of where to access professional learning as a member of the early childhood profession.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (10 Feb 2023) 12:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Friday (17 Feb 2023)

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

- Synthesis of contemporary research on pedagogies appropriate to the early years of schooling
- Design of professional development embeds contemporary research and shares theoretical knowledge
- Selection of examples of pedagogies that show evidence of knowledge of young children, their way of learning, and the developing brain
- Identification of how the design of the environment supports the implementation of appropriate pedagogies
- Reflection on the importance of professional learning and the identification of resources that might support professional learning
- Effective, scholarly and professional communication in accordance with accepted academic conventions APA 7th

Referencing Style

American Psychological Association 7th Edition (APA 7th edition)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse curriculum documents to identify opportunities for children's acquisition of literacy and numeracy knowledge in meaningful and developmentally appropriate ways
- Research a range of early childhood teaching strategies/pedagogies and theories of play that support the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development and learning of young children
- Synthesise knowledge of child development, learning theory, and contemporary research to recommend teaching strategies/pedagogies that are responsive to children's stages of development and characteristics that affect their learning
- Justify pedagogical approaches and responsive adult-child interactions that support the learning of children from birth to eight years of age with reference to contemporary research literature

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Schedule

Topic 1

The image of the playful child and the historical perspectives on the play - 07 Nov 2022

The image of the playful child and the historical perspectives on play Fler, M. (2021). *Play in the early years*. Cambridge University Press. SER Publishing, Rome-Italy Vol. 6 No.2.

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Topic 2

Child development from birth - 8 years - including understandings outlined in the First 1000 Days - 14 Nov 2022

Child development from birth - 8 years - including understandings outlined in the First 1000 Days Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University (2016). *From Best Practices to Breakthrough Impacts: A Science-Based Approach to Building a More Promising Future for Young Children and Families*. Retrieved from: www.developingchild.harvard.edu.

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Topic 3

Centrality of Relationships - 14 Nov 2022

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Topic 4

The environment as the third teacher: Creating responsive and respectful environments for young children that align with our knowledge of how children learn - 21 Nov 2022

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Topic 5

Listening as pedagogy - 21 Nov 2022

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Topic 6

Contemporary studies on Appropriate Pedagogies for children birth to 8 years (e.g., The effective provision of pre-school education), - 28 Nov 2022

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Topic 7

Appropriate pedagogies in the early years of schooling - 28 Nov 2022

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Topic 8

Playful inquiry - learning in the every day - 05 Dec 2022

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Pelo, A. (2014). A Sense of Wonder: Cultivating an Ecological Identity in Young Children—and in Ourselves. *Canadian Children*, 39(2), 5-10.

Topic 9

Heuristic play - 05 Dec 2022

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Topic 10

Play as a context for emergent literacy and numeracy - 12 Dec 2022

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Assessment Task 1: Pedagogical approaches for children Due date: 11.45 pm EST Monday, December 19, 2022

Topic 11

Play in the contemporary childhood - technologies and digital play - 12 Dec 2022

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Week 12

Documentation and reflection on the learning occurring as children play - 23 Jan 2023

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Topic 13

Building partnership with families/carers to support children's learning - 30 Jan 2023

Emerson, L., Fear, J., Fox, S., & Sanders, E. (2012). Parental engagement in learning and schooling: Lessons from research. A report by the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) for the Family-School and Community Partnerships Bureau Canberra.

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Topic 14

Challenges for play in early childhood - 06 Feb 2023

Farrell, A. (2021). Young Children's Rights to Provision, Participation and Protection: Challenges of Applying the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to Early Childhood Education and Care in Australia. In *Young Children in the World and Their Rights* (pp. 151-166). Springer International Publishing.

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Assessment Task 2: Professional learning presentation

Due date: 11.45 pm EST on Friday, February 10, 2023.

General Information

Overview

The pedagogical approaches adopted by teachers within early childhood settings are informed by a range of sources including understandings about how young children learn, emerging research on the importance of the first one thousand days in the life of a child and guidance from research and curriculum frameworks. Play is recognised as a context for learning with the child's right to play and the benefits of play enshrined in national and international policy. In this unit, you will research early childhood pedagogies and theories of play that support the holistic development of young children. Understandings derived by researching pedagogical approaches and learning theory will inform the selection of strategies that are responsive to children's development. The centrality of relationships and responsive language-rich adult-child interactions as pedagogy will be examined also. You will apply practices for gathering, organising, interpreting and sharing data about what children know, can do and understand. Through the analysis of curriculum documents, you will identify opportunities for children's acquisition of literacy and numeracy knowledge in meaningful and developmentally appropriate ways.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 8*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 7

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 3 - 2022

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Postgraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

2. **Presentation**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyse curriculum documents to identify opportunities for children's acquisition of literacy and numeracy knowledge in meaningful and developmentally appropriate ways
2. Research and apply strategies for gathering, organising, interpreting and sharing data about children's learning with particular attention given to sharing information with important stakeholders (families)
3. Research a range of early childhood teaching strategies/pedagogies and theories of play that support the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development and learning of young children
4. Analyse the learning behaviour of children to document their strengths, needs, interests and capabilities and identify opportunities for learning
5. Synthesise knowledge of child development, learning theory and contemporary research to recommend teaching strategies/pedagogies that are responsive to children's stages of development and characteristics that affect their learning
6. Justify pedagogical approaches and responsive adult-child interactions that support the learning of children from birth to eight years of age with reference to contemporary research literature
7. Identify strategies to support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities.

Learning outcomes and assessment in this unit provide opportunities for students to engage with content and practices in the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Graduate Stage) focus areas of:

- 1.1 Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students
- 1.2 Understand how students learn
- 1.3 Students with diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds
- 1.4 Strategies for teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- 1.5 Strategies to support full participation of students with disability
- 2.5 Literacy and numeracy strategies
- 3.3 Using teaching strategies
- 3.5 Use effective classroom communication
- 3.7 Engage parents/carers in the educative process
- 4.1 Support student participation
- 5.1 Assess student learning
- 5.4 Interpret student data
- 6.2 Engage in professional learning and improve practice
- 6.4 Apply professional learning and improve student learning

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 - Written Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2 - Presentation - 50%	•		•		•	•	

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 - Knowledge	○	○	○	○	○		
2 - Communication		○				○	
3 - Cognitive, technical and creative skills	○		○	○	○	○	○
4 - Research	○	○	○		○		○
5 - Self-management							
6 - Ethical and Professional Responsibility							
7 - Leadership							
8 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures							

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

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Schedule

Week 1 Image of Children and the Historical Overview of Early Childhood - 07 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Historical overview of early childhood	<p>Brennan. (2013). Early childhood education and care: History and possibilities. <i>Bedrock (Sydney)</i>, 18(3), 6-7.</p> <p>Logan,H. (2017). Tensions in constructions of quality in Australian early childhood education and care policy history. <i>European Early Childhood Education Research Journal</i>, 25(4), 506-518.</p> <p>Logan,H. (2018). Retaining meanings of quality in Australian early childhood education and care policy history: perspectives from policy makers. <i>Early Years (London, England)</i>, 38(2), 139-155.</p>	<p>All references listed for each weekly module may assist you in your assignments. Please refer to Moodle e Reading Lists as well.</p>

Week 2 The changing context of Early Childhood Education and Care - 14 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The changing context of Early Childhood Education and Care	<p>Logan, H. (2017). Tensions in constructions of quality in Australian early childhood education and care policy history. <i>European Early Childhood Education Research Journal</i>, 25(4), 506-518.</p> <p>Logan, H. (2018). Retaining meanings of quality in Australian early childhood education and care policy history: perspectives from policy makers. <i>Early Years (London, England)</i>, 38(2), 139-155.</p> <p>Logan, H., Sumsion, J., & Press, F. (2014). Uncovering hidden dimensions of Australian early childhood policy history: insights from interviews with policy "elites." <i>European Early Childhood Education Research Journal</i>, 22(5), 711-722.</p> <p>Sims, M., Waniganayake, M., & Hadley, D. F. (2018). Educational leadership: An evolving role in Australian early childhood settings. <i>Educational Management, Administration & Leadership</i>, 46(6), 960-979.</p>	<p>All references listed for each weekly module may assist you in your assignments. Please refer to Moodle e Reading Lists as well.</p>

Week 3 The policy context including the NQF & NQS - 21 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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The policy context including the NQF & NQS

Bown, & Sumsion, J. (2016). Generating visionary policy for early childhood education and care: Politicians' and early childhood sector advocate/activists' perspectives. *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood*, 17(2), 192-209.
 Sims, M., Forrest, R., Semann, A., & Slattery, C. (2015). Conceptions of early childhood leadership: driving new professionalism? *International Journal of Leadership in Education*, 18(2), 149-166.

All references listed for each weekly module may assist you in your assignments. Please refer to Moodle e Reading Lists as well.

Week 4 Conceptualising early childhood leadership - 28 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Conceptualising early childhood leadership	<p>Garner, P., & McCarron, G. P. (2020). Developing leadership in early childhood education and care through the integration of theory, policy engagement, and advocacy. <i>Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education</i>, 1-18.</p> <p>Penn, H. (2019). Understanding the contexts of leadership debates. <i>Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood</i>, 20(1), 104-109. http://doi:10.1177/1463949118800768</p> <p>Siraj-Blatchford, I. and Manni, L. (2007). Effective leadership in the early years sector: The ELEYS study. University of London, Institute of Education</p> <p>Waniganayake, M., Cheeseman, S., Fenech, M., Hadley, F. & Shepherd, W. (2017). <i>Leadership: Contexts and complexities in early childhood education</i>. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Waniganayake, M., Rodd, J. & Gibbs, L. (2015). <i>Thinking and learning about leadership: Early childhood research from Australia, Finland and Norway</i>. Community childcare Co-operative.</p> <p>Woodrow, C., & Busch, G. (2008). Repositioning early childhood leadership as action and activism. <i>European Early Childhood Education Research Journal</i>, 16(1), 83-93. http://doi:10.1080/13502930801897053</p>	<p>All references listed for each weekly module may assist you in your assignments. Please refer to Moodle e Reading Lists as well.</p>

Week 5 Leadership to effect change, implement policy and create safe and supportive learning environments for children from diverse cultural and social backgrounds - 05 Dec 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Leadership to effect change, implement policy and create safe and supportive learning environments for children from diverse cultural and social backgrounds

Aubrey, C., Godfrey, R., & Harris, A. (2013). How Do They Manage? An Investigation of Early Childhood Leadership. *Educational Management, Administration & Leadership*, 41(1), 5-29.

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Gibbs, L. (2020). "That's your right as a human isn't it?" The emergence and development of leading as a socially-just practice in early childhood education. *Australasian Journal of Early Childhood*, 45(4), 295-308.

Gambaro,L., Stewart, K., & Waldfogel, J. (2014). An equal start?: Providing quality early education and care for disadvantaged children (Kitty Stewart, Jane Waldfogel, & Ludovica Gambaro, Eds.). Policy Press.

Hard,L. & Jónsdóttir, A. H. (2013). Leadership is not a dirty word: Exploring and embracing leadership in ECEC. *European Early Childhood Education Research Journal*, 21(3), 311-325.

Wong,S. (2013). A "Humanitarian Idea": Using a Historical Lens to Reflect on Social Justice in Early Childhood Education and Care. *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood*, 14(4), 311-323.

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Week 6 Approaches to leadership - (Pedagogical Leadership, Distributed Leadership) - 12 Dec 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Approaches to leadership - (Pedagogical Leadership, Distributed Leadership)	Bøe, M., & Hognestad, K. (2017). Directing and facilitating distributed pedagogical leadership: Best practices in early childhood education. <i>International Journal of Leadership in Education</i> , 20 (2), 133-148.	
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	Heikka, J., & Waniganayake, M. (2011). Pedagogical leadership from a distributed perspective within the context of early childhood education. <i>International Journal of Leadership in Education</i> , 14(4), 499-512. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13603124.2011.577909	
	Sims, M., Waniganayake, M., & Hadley, F. (2019). What makes good even better? Excellent EC leadership. <i>International Journal of Educational Management</i> , 33(4), 573-586.	

Week 7 Enacting cultural competence through leadership practice - 19 Dec 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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<p>Enacting cultural competence through leadership practice</p>	<p>Ritte, R., Panozzo, S., Johnston, L., Agerholm, J., Kvernmo, S. E., Rowley, K., & Arabena, K. (2016). An Australian model of the First 1000 Days: an Indigenous-led process to turn an international initiative into an early-life strategy benefiting indigenous families. <i>Global Health, Epidemiology and Genomics</i>, 1, e11-e11.</p>	<p>Reflective Practice Assignment Due: Monday (19 Dec 2022) 12:00 pm AEST</p> <p>Assessment Task 1: Reflective Practice Assignment Due: Week 6 Monday (19 Dec 2022) 12:00 am AEST</p>
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Week 8 Membership of the profession and Codes of Ethics (ECA) - 09 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
<p>Membership of the profession and Codes of Ethics (ECA)</p>	<p>Early Childhood Australia. (2016). Code of Ethics. Cumming, T., Wong, S., & Logan, H. (2021). Early childhood educators' well-being, work environments and "quality": Possibilities for changing policy and practice. <i>Australasian Journal of Early Childhood</i>, 46(1), 50-65.</p>	

Week 9 Sources of professional learning - action research - 16 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
<p>Sources of professional learning - action research</p>	<p>Davis, J. (2010) Early childhood education for sustainability: Why it matters, what it is, and how whole centre action research and systems thinking can help. <i>Journal of Action Research Today in Early Childhood</i>, pp. 35-44. Miller, Melinda (2017) Action research: The benefits for early childhood educators. <i>Belonging Early Years Journal</i>, 6(3), pp. 26-29.</p>	

Week 10 Leading professional learning and building learning communities including with families-pedagogical leadership - 23 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
<p>Leading professional learning and building learning communities including with families-pedagogical leadership</p>	<p>Myran, S. & Masterson, M. (2020). Training early childhood leaders: developing a new paradigm for professional development using a practice to theory approach. <i>School Effectiveness and School Improvement</i>, 1-24. Stamopoulos, E. (2015). The Professional Leadership and Action Research Training Model : Supporting early childhood leadership. <i>Australasian Journal of Early Childhood</i>, 40(4), 39-48.</p>	

Week 11 Advocacy for children and families - leading intentionally through advocacy and activism - 30 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Advocacy for children and families - leading intentionally through advocacy and activism

Fenech, M. (2013). Quality early childhood education for my child or for all children?: parents as activists for equitable, high-quality early childhood education in Australia. *Australasian Journal of Early Childhood*, 38(4), 92-98.

Fenech, M., Salamon, A., & Stratigos, T. (2019). Building parents' understandings of quality early childhood education and care and early learning and development: changing constructions to change conversations. *European Early Childhood Education Research Journal*, 27(5), 706-721.

Week 12 Challenges and dilemmas in the field of Early Childhood Education including the attracting and retaining staff, qualifications, remuneration and conditions - 06 Feb 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
<p>Challenges and dilemmas in the field of Early Childhood Education and Care</p> <p>Workforce Challenges in ECEC - attracting and retaining staff, qualifications, remuneration and conditions</p>	<p>Alchin, I., Arthur, L., & Woodrow, C. (2019). Evidencing leadership and management challenges in early childhood in Australia. <i>Australasian Journal of Early Childhood</i>, 44(3), 85 - 297.</p> <p>Irvine, S., Thorpe, K., McDonald, P., Lunn, J., & Sumsion, J. (2016). Money, love and identity: Initial findings from the National ECEC Workforce Study.</p> <p>Logan, H., Cumming, T., & Wong, S. (2020). Sustaining the work-related wellbeing of early childhood educators: Perspectives from key stakeholders in early childhood organisations. <i>International Journal of Early Childhood</i>, 52(1), 95-113.</p> <p>McKinlay, S., Irvine, S., & Farrell, A. (2018). What keeps early childhood teachers working in long day care? : Tackling the crisis for Australia's reform agenda in early childhood education and care. <i>Australasian Journal of Early Childhood</i>, 43(2), 32-42.</p> <p>Press, F., Wong, S., & Gibson, M. (2015). Understanding who cares: creating the evidence to address the long-standing policy problem of staff shortages in early childhood education and care. <i>Journal of Family Studies</i>, 21(1), 87-100.</p> <p>Waniganayake, M., Cheeseman, S., Fenech, M., Hadley, F. & Shepherd, W. (2017). <i>Leadership: Contexts and complexities in early childhood education</i>. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Waniganayake, M., Cheeseman, S., Fenech, M., Hadley, F. & Shepherd, W. (2017). <i>Leadership: Contexts and complexities in early childhood education</i>. Oxford University Press.</p>	<p>Reflection on a contemporary issue using play based pedagogical learning Due: Monday (13 Feb, 2023) 11:45 pm AEST</p>

Exam Week - 13 Feb 2023

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Assessment Tasks

1 Assessment Task 1: Reflective Practice Assignment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Examine policy documents that guide the practice of early childhood educators to identify key messages about the significance of the early years. Explain the emergence of leadership as an essential component of the work of early childhood professionals. Your explanation should trace the historical origins of leadership constructs and their development as a process considered integral to guiding the professional learning of colleagues and establishing partnerships that contribute to children's positive dispositions for learning. Emerging understandings of leadership that are responsive to contemporary early childhood education and care settings need to be examined also.

Construct and clearly describe two scenarios where leadership intervention could be used to develop shared understandings of communication, caregiving, and pedagogical practices that support the safety, well-being, and learning of children and foster effective and respectful partnerships between families and educators. Both scenarios need to consider the strategies for involving parents/carers in the educative process. One of these scenarios must focus specifically on the legislative requirements and strategies that support the participation and learning of students with disability and the second one can be of your choosing.

Describe the principles and strategies you would use to guide the development of a centre policy in response to the scenarios and lead the professional learning and implementation of the proposed practices and strategies with colleagues in an early childhood education and care service.

Your response should include a reflective component that clearly explains your approach to leadership and defends the strategies you have used to create a professional learning community committed to the well-being, safety, and improved educational outcomes of children with diverse characteristics and needs.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Monday (19 Dec 2022) 12:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Research and explicate the key messages about the significance of the early years included in policy texts including shared values

- Explain leadership as a feature of membership of the early childhood profession in historical and contemporary contexts
- Construction of scenarios that model how leadership of (1) learning about legislative requirements and strategies support the participation and learning of students with disability and (2) pedagogy in early childhood that supports the learning of all children
- Describe the principles and strategies to guide the development of a centre policy and lead professional learning in relation to both scenarios
- Explanation of how leadership supports the involvement of and partnership with parents/carers in the educative process
- Explicate and justify approaches to selected leadership strategies to create a professional learning community committed to improving educational outcomes for all children
- Effective, scholarly and professional communication in accordance with accepted academic conventions APA 7th

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

No submission method provided.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse curriculum documents to identify opportunities for children’s acquisition of literacy and numeracy knowledge in meaningful and developmentally appropriate ways
- Research and apply strategies for gathering, organising, interpreting and sharing data about children’s learning with particular attention given to sharing information with important stakeholders (families)
- Research a range of early childhood teaching strategies/pedagogies and theories of play that support the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development and learning of young children
- Analyse the learning behaviour of children to document their strengths, needs, interests and capabilities and identify opportunities for learning
- Synthesise knowledge of child development, learning theory and contemporary research to recommend teaching strategies/pedagogies that are responsive to children’s stages of development and characteristics that affect their learning
- Justify pedagogical approaches and responsive adult-child interactions that support the learning of children from birth to eight years of age with reference to contemporary research literature
- Identify strategies to support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities.

2 Assessment Task 2: Presentation and accompanying documentation

Assessment Type

Presentation

Task Description

Within early childhood settings, leading pedagogy is an important dimension of the work of leaders and, as such, leadership is highlighted in Standard 7 of the National Quality Standards (ACECQA, 2020). Underpinning the enactment of leadership is a commitment to reflecting on and continuously working to improve practice and “curriculum quality, equity, and the wellbeing and inclusion of each child” (ACECQA, 2020, p. 302).

This task requires that you create a presentation that identifies challenges and dilemmas that early childhood educators may face in demonstrating cultural competence and responding to the impact of culture, cultural identity and linguistic background on the participation, engagement and learning of children and families from different cultures, including children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.

The presentation should summarise the guidance derived from policy, codes of ethics and conduct for the profession, and independent research to promote the understanding of colleagues of their legislative, practical, and ethical responsibilities as culturally competent educators.

Your presentation should be designed to include opportunities for modeling, discussing, and reflecting on practices, teaching strategies, and interactions that support culturally diverse learners including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

Finally, identify sources of ongoing learning and engagement with external professionals and community representatives that expand teachers’ professional knowledge and skills for ethical and culturally competent teaching practice.

Additionally, you need to explicate the importance of reflection for leadership practice.

Additionally, your presentation must include:

1. An extensive notes page for each slide including references
2. A summary of relevant policy texts and identification of implications for legislative, practical, and ethical responsibilities as culturally competent educators.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Monday (13 Feb 2023) 12:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

- Identification of challenges and dilemmas that early childhood educators encounter in demonstrating cultural competence and responding to the impact of diversity
- Design reflects a broad knowledge of, understanding of, and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, and languages
- Explication of guidance from policy texts to promote cultural competence embedded in presentation and accompanying documentation
- Design of presentation that supports professional learning that enables discussion and reflection on practices, teaching strategies, and interactions
- Design of presentation models approaches to demonstrating cultural competence in early childhood contexts
- Identification of sources of ongoing learning to expand teachers’ professional knowledge and skills for ethical and culturally competent teaching practice and consideration of the importance of ongoing reflection
- Effective, scholarly and professional communication in accordance with accepted academic conventions APA 7th

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse curriculum documents to identify opportunities for children's acquisition of literacy and numeracy knowledge in meaningful and developmentally appropriate ways
- Research a range of early childhood teaching strategies/pedagogies and theories of play that support the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development and learning of young children
- Synthesise knowledge of child development, learning theory and contemporary research to recommend teaching strategies/pedagogies that are responsive to children's stages of development and characteristics that affect their learning
- Justify pedagogical approaches and responsive adult-child interactions that support the learning of children from birth to eight years of age with reference to contemporary research literature

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