

Cover Letter for ECE 160 and ECE 210 Course Revisions Rationale

Faculty and staff in the Early Childhood Education program, part of the Child and Family Education department, are proposing a variety of revisions to the current AAS and certificate programs. After June 2009 the Outdoor Activities for Children course (ECE 220) will be removed from the curriculum, and relevant content and activities blended into revised courses ECE 160 and ECE 210.

The attached course revision forms detail how ECE 160 and ECE 210 will be expanded by 1 credit each to accommodate material previously covered in the Outdoor Activities course. Some information from Outdoor Activities will be deleted as current practice no longer requires study of that material.

Another rationale for revising both ECE 160 and 210 is that by doing so the courses will better articulate and transfer within the 2- and 4-year early childhood programs in the state. The consortium of Oregon community college ECE programs has developed an articulated system into which these proposed courses will better fit. The Oregon Career Development Center for Early Childhood Care and Education has an articulated career “lattice” which assesses teachers using a competency-based system, credit courses and non-credit training. Teachers can also use these proposed courses to better document their progress as they continue through the assessment system toward specific degrees and higher levels of competence.

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