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What's New

in the Early Childhood & Youth Development Program

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND KEEPING YOU "IN THE KNOW"

"When you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better" -Pauline R. Kezer

DON'T FORGET!

- ⇒ Please return your signed handbook policy sheets to Dawn or Sharon ASAP
- ⇒ If your DCTC background study is less than a year old (or you don't have one through DCTC), please RENEW!
- ⇒ If you have completed 12 credits and have a GPA of 3.5 or better, you are eligible to join [Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society](#)
- ⇒ If you are finishing your Certificate, Diploma, or AS/AAS Degree, remember to fill out an application for graduation.

The Start of a New Semester

We now begin spring semester at DCTC. **Welcome back** to all the returning students from last semester, and a great **BIG WELCOME** to students that are new to the program!

Each month the Early Childhood & Youth Development (ECYD) Department publishes a newsletter so that important information can be shared between full and part-time students. All ECYD students at DCTC are important to us whether full or part-time. We hope that you enjoy your college experience with us!

Please make sure that if you need to be absent from class, you call or email your instructor. Please read the ECYD policy handbook about our program policies.

Students last name A-L, along with CDA students, will have Sharon as their advisor. Students last name M-Z and Child Life will have Dawn. Please feel free to contact us anytime during the semester if you have questions or concerns. The official advising week will be **March 2-6**. The February newsletter will have more information.

Students In The News

A little over a dozen ECYD students applied for a MnAEYC-MnSACA Conference scholarship and were awarded Day Passes to the January Early Childhood Conference! CONGRATULATIONS!!

*If you are one of these students, please be sure to talk with Sharon about the conference schedule and transportation arrangements. We don't want you to miss it—it's THIS MONTH!

MnAEYC-MnSACA Conference

FORWARD MOMENTUM:
Inspiring a Healthier Generation 
2015 MnAEYC-MnSACA Annual State Conference

THIS MONTH!

January 30, 2015



Inclement Weather



Winter happens in Minnesota and there may come the occasion when school may be closed. If inclement weather forces the closing of Dakota County Technical College, radio station WCCO (830 AM) will announce the closing. This information will also be posted on the WCCO website at www.channel4000.com
http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/mnscu/dakota_county/wens.cfm?ep_id=student

Because the area serving DCTC is so vast, it may very well be that weather conditions from one part of the county can vary greatly from another. Use your own judgment regarding safety in making the decision about attending classes. **Remember to call/email if you are going to be absent. Participation points cannot be earned when a student is not in class.**



ATTENTION



We have a wonderful space for separate lab and lecture rooms. The lab and lecture rooms are being well maintained. Keep up the good work! **It is critical that ALL students, both day and evening, full and part-time, clean up after themselves. Everyone needs to put the Die Cuts away WHERE THEY BELONG.**

The paper cubby in the storage room needs EVERY-ONE'S cooperation in keeping it organized. Remember to push in your chairs in both the classroom and lab. Let's work together to keep our space clean! Please note that there is no food/drink allowed in the lab area. **Refer to Lab Rules posted in the lab area for full listing.**

Practicum I/Practicum II

Practicum I and II are opportunities to "show what you know" as they are on-the-job experiences designed to give students practical experience in child care settings.

It's not too early to be thinking about your Practicum site for the summer semester. **Consider if the site is high quality and uses best practice.** It is possible to work with a student's current job site; however, there are requirements that the site has to meet. If you have a site that you'd like considered for your placement, please talk to Dawn (Pract. I) or Sharon (Pract. II) right away.

***Students need to request permission to complete summer Practicum courses by Mar. 20th to be considered for Summer 2015 placements. Students requesting permission after Mar. 20th will not receive permission due to time required to connect with child care sites and make appropriate arrangements.**

****Please note that Practicum is not offered during Fall Semester.**

Join our ECYD Club!



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