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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"

*Childhood is the most beautiful of all life's seasons.*

*~Author Unknown*

## Classroom/Lab Issues

As a student, you have made a commitment to your work, classmates, and instructors. Each of us should take pride in this commitment. Are you being a burden or a team player to the other students in your classes? Are your actions supporting or disrupting others?

**Ask yourself these questions to determine your classroom/student behavior:**

Am I prepared for class? Is my homework/lab ready?

Am I coming to class on time and participating in discussions?

Do I call in to my instructor when I am sick or late?

Do I "cut corners" to save time or do I finish tasks appropriately?

How did you rate? Remember, as you are preparing yourself for the future, professionalism begins now!

**The value and importance you place on your classroom experience carries over to your career.**

With so many students and teachers using the classroom, it may be time to review some of the procedures for use of machines, materials and supplies.

**Students are not allowed to use the laminating machine without instructor permission.**

When using the Ellison machines please remember to only pull the handle down only once when you cut, otherwise you wear out the cutting head faster. Students and staff must be responsible for clean up and stocking of the supply cabinet. \*Clean your work space before you leave each day.

**When is the last time your class did their share?**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## DON'T FORGET!

\*Please return your SIGNED policy sheets (in your handbook) to Dawn, Sharon or Cory ASAP

\*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

**\*It's time to register for summer and fall!**

\*If you are finishing your certificate, diploma, or AS/AAS degree, remember to fill out an application for graduation!

## Week of the Young Child

Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The theme of the Week of the Young Child is *Celebrating Our Youngest Learners!*. This year, **Week of the Young Child is April 12-18**. What will YOU do to promote WOYC? Learn more at <http://www.naeyc.org/woyc>



## PTK Honor Society

Remember that any student that has completed a minimum of 12 semester credits and has an overall GPA of 3.5 is eligible to Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. You may pick up the necessary forms for membership in the Student Services Office.

**Be proud of your academic achievement and join the Honor Society!**

The next mtg. is on Mar. 31st @ 9am

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# Summer Practicum I and II

Students may complete their Practicum I & II in the summer semester IF you've already taken the pre-requisite courses.

If you are at a center/program that we have **not** had students at previously, your director or teacher that will be supervising you will need to attend an info meeting at DCTC in May. Students also need to attend the info meeting.

**The mandatory Summer Practicum (I/II) meeting date will be in May. Look in the April newsletter for specific date/time.**

It is critical that you and your staff member attend the meeting. We give them specific information about expectations for sites working with students. We have found that

students meet with much more success when staff has attended this meeting. In-service hours will be awarded to those attending.



In order to move forward with placements, communication with site supervisors, etc., students must be registered for Practicum I or Practicum II for summer. Be sure to get registered right away if you are planning to complete Practicum I or II this summer.

Practicum I students—connect with Dawn Braa. Practicum II students—connect with Sharon Bergen.

It is critical that you get your site approved by your instructor prior to the May meeting.



## Advising Week

Advising week has passed. You'll need an access code to register for classes so be sure to connect with your program advisor if you haven't already! **Register soon to reserve your spot!**

Thank you for taking responsibility for keeping the classroom and lab areas clean!

## Quote of the Month

Some people come into our lives and quickly leave. Others come into our lives and leave such an impression that they stay with us for all time.

**Will you be one of those people that make a lasting impression on the lives of the young children you work with?**

## Graduation!



The DCTC **Graduation Ceremony** is quickly approaching. Are you ready?

Ceremony Date/Time: May 15th at 7pm

Visit <http://www.dctc.edu/academics/graduation/> for more info.

## Did You Know??

**MARCH is:** American Red Cross month, National Craft month, Women's History month, and Child Life month

- Child life professionals specialize in child development and adhere to a philosophy of family centered care. Armed with professional skills and expertise, they work to ease the anxiety experienced by children and families undergoing challenging healthcare experiences and other life events.
- Check out the blog for the child life guest speaker!  
[blogs.dctc.edu/ecyd](http://blogs.dctc.edu/ecyd)

Please note that the computers in the lab are only to be used during lab time, not before class for printing

## OPEN HOUSE

The ECYD Program is hosting an event for interested students on March 23rd from 1-4pm. JOIN US at our OPEN HOUSE to meet faculty, tour our space, ask questions, and learn more about educational options in the early childhood and child life fields!

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