What’s New
in the Early Childhood & Youth Development Program

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS
AND KEEPING YOU “IN THE KNOW”

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn." - Elizabeth Lawrence

Advising Week is Coming!!

All ECYD Students that plan on taking any courses during the second semester (spring), whether program major or general education, must meet with their advisor. Pre-registration advising week will be October 8-12th.

Advising week is not only for discussing spring semester classes, but also for reviewing student transcripts toward program completion. Students will also be provided with information and codes to register.

*Stop in, call, or email to sign up if you are not already signed up for an advising time.

Students that are graduating at the end of the semester will need to review program information and fill out the proper forms.

Advising Week is also a time for students and instructors to discuss study skills, attendance, transfer of course work, support services, etc.

Jill and Dawn both have signup sheets available for students to sign up for an advising time. It is important that you attend your advising session!

DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR STUDENT ADVISING SUCCESS KIT!!
(Interactive Degree Audit Report (DARs), Paper, pen, schedule, etc.)

DON’T FORGET!
⇒ Please return your signed policy sheets to Jill or Dawn ASAP
⇒ If you have completed 16 credits and have a GPA of 3.5 or better, you are eligible to join Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
⇒ Advising Week is October 8-12th.

Students In The News

*Students in the Language and Literature class will be presenting a pumpkin program at the Hastings Library at the end of the month.

*Thanks to the ECYD Club leadership team for their continued dedication!!
If you are a student that is employed in the early childhood field, you may be eligible for a special scholarship program called T.E.A.C.H. This funding is available in specific counties in Minnesota and is a great way to get help paying for your education at DCTC!

Take the time to visit the blog to find out if you are eligible for this wonderful program. Type T.E.A.C.H. in the blog search box.

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If you are a full or part-time student and are interested in completing your early childhood classes through the internet, you may be interested in E-LECT.

This program is a collaboration between 12 Technical College Child Development programs across the state. There are certain restrictions so check with Jill or Dawn to find out if this program would work for you.

What can You Do With an AAS/AS Degree?

There are many options of what you can do with an AAS/AS degree. You can be a head/lead teacher in a child care center, preschool, or Head Start. You could also be a nanny or owner of a family childcare business.

Government legislation requires all Title 1 paraprofessionals, and in most districts, special education paraprofessionals to have an associate degree.

Do you want to be a Kindergarten or primary education (grades 1-3) teacher? You might want consider one of the Bachelor’s Degree programs we have transfer agreements with. Those include: UW-Stout in Menomonie, WI for early childhood/primary education. If you are interested in psychology or early childhood (non-teaching), you can transfer to Metropolitan State University in St. Paul and complete a BA in psychology or a BAS in early childhood education. There are also options at Southwest State University, UW-River Falls. Talk to Jill or Dawn if you are looking for options beyond your AAS/AS Degree.

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Practicum I/Practicum II

It’s not too early to be thinking about your Practicum site for the spring semester. Whenever possible, Dakota County Technical College likes to work with student’s current job site. However, there are some requirements that the site has to meet.

If you would like to use your current work site as a Practicum site, please talk to Jill about the requirements.

Book Orders are DUE by October 4th.

If you want to place your order on-line, please see directions in the September newsletter. Thank you.

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