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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"



If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. ~Milton Berle

DON'T FORGET!

- ⇒ Please return your signed handbook policy sheets to Dawn or Sharon 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
- ⇒ **Advising Week is October 6-10th**
Choose to attend **one** of the GROUP ADVISING SESSIONS
9/6: 1-4pm
9/8: 9-12pm, 6-9pm
9/9: 6-9pm

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 attend an advising session.*

Pre-registration advising week will be **October 6-10th.**



***IMPORTANT CHANGE!**

We have scheduled **group advising sessions** instead of individual sessions. **Students must attend one.**

Advising week is not only for discussing spring semester classes, but also for reviewing student progression. Students will also be provided with codes and instructions to register.

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

It is important that you attend an advising session!

Be Prepared—Attend your advising session with the necessary items.

(Interactive Degree Audit Report, paper, pen, personal plan, etc.)

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Students In The News

*The ECYD Club will be participating in the Student Life Pumpkin Carving Contest this month. You can get involved too! Contact: hanly.julie@gmail.com

***HALLOWEEN PARTY!** Party will include:

- Halloween costume contest
- Decorating pumpkin sugar cookies
- Various games
- Socialization and fun!

MnAEYC-MnSACA Conference

SAVE the DATE

January 30-31, 2015
Click [HERE](#) to learn more

Registration and Scholarship

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

Scholarship applications for the MnAEYC-MnSACA conference open soon!

For Your Info

T.E.A.C.H.

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 [our blog](#) to find out if you are eligible for this wonderful program. Type T.E.A.C.H. in the blog search box.



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 13 Technical College Early Childhood programs across the state. There are certain restrictions so check with Dawn to Sharon to find out if this program would work for you.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◇ ADVISING WEEK ...10/6-10/10
- ◇ Pumpkin Planning Mtg.....10/9
- ◇ NO CLASS.....10/16-10/17
- ◇ Pumpkin Carving Mtg.....10/28
- ◇ ECYD Halloween Party.....10/30
@ 12pm in the ECYD Classroom
- ◇ ECYD Club Mtg.....10/30
@ 12pm in the ECYD Classroom

OCTOBER IS

Fire Prevention Month, Pregnancy Loss and Infant Loss Awareness Month, Rett Syndrome Awareness Month, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month

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 lead/head teacher in a child care center, preschool, or Head Start. You could also be a nanny or owner of a family childcare business. Child Life Assistant and Paraprofessional are other career choices as well. 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, Concordia University, and UW-River Falls. Talk to Dawn or Sharon if you are looking for options beyond your AAS/AS Degree.



Remember that you need to call/email your instructor if you will be absent from class. You are fully responsible for missed content.



Practicum I/Practicum II

It's not too early to be thinking about your Practicum site for the spring semester. Consider if the site is high quality and uses best practice. We can 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) during fall semester.

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