Description: Advanced Child Development and Learning (3 hrs.)
This course is an intensive study of child development (birth – 8 years) and the implications for children’s learning.

Textbook: To be selected.

Form: The course will be interactive-lecture, study-group discussion, field-based work in PK-3 settings.

Course Objectives: The measurable objectives will clearly identify the most critical competencies that the advanced candidates will demonstrate in the course. These include the following:
1) to understand the nature of young child development and learning CK, KL, SM, SB, D
2) to demonstrate content knowledge of child development and learning characteristics and influences CK, KL, SB, D
3) to demonstrate content knowledge of family relationships and processes CK, KL, D
4) to demonstrate knowledge about children’s learning and development in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, the visual and performing arts, and movement/physical education CK, KL, SM, SB, T, D
5) to use their understanding of young children’s characteristics and needs, and of multiple interacting influences on children’s development and learning, to create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging for all children CK, KL, SM, SB, T, D
6) to demonstrate positive effects on children’s learning CK, KL, SM, SB, T, D

Course Requirements: The instruments and/or processes that will be used to assess performance include the following:
Case study - 100 points
Critiques of research topics and journal articles through individual or group analysis – 80 points
Field-based log and reflection paper on child development/learning experiences with accompanying rubrics and checklists. – 220 pts.
Total = 400 points

Candidates will select one or more course artifacts with an accompanying reflection to document one’s disposition, knowledge and skill in addressing performance outcomes. Candidates will submit the artifacts and reflection for inclusion in their electronic portfolio in the assessment system.

References:


**Resources And Materials:**
Textbook (to be selected), journal articles related to child development and learning, and related websites.