Module 10: Professional Practice

Child Development

Objective

The Student will summarize the fundamentals of professional behavior.

What makes an effective early learning teacher?

Some qualities that are common:

- Possess a strong knowledge of child development
- Communicate effectively in multiple forms with diverse populations
- Possess foundational knowledge for developmentally appropriate content to be taught and practices carried out.
- Engage in habits of critical thinking and problem solving.

You will know you are applying these when you:

- Apply knowledge of <u>human development</u> in all domains: Physical, cognitive, social, and emotional.
- Build on <u>children's competence</u> in such critical areas as language and literacy, mathematics, and other disciplines, motor development, etc.
- Respect and value <u>all learners</u> and meet children where they are, as individuals and as a group.
- Appreciate diversity in learning environments and various contexts for learning

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- Apply <u>instructional techniques</u>, assessment strategies, and resources to support learning.
- Support each child in attaining challenging and achievable goals that contribute to his or her ongoing development

Professional Expectations

As an early learning professional you are expected to present yourself as someone worthy of the responsibilities given to you.

Written into the program policies you may find expectations for you to:

- Dress professionally
- Display a courteous, positive attitude
- Respect confidentiality
- Cooperate with everyone
- Make informed and ethical decisions
- Accept responsibility for children's learning
- Collaborate with all
- Engage in opportunities for professional growth
- Remember you are part of a larger community
- Build good working relationships with partners and colleagues

Career Goals and Professional Dev.

Have career goals and take advantage of professional development opportunities to meet those career goals.