

# Early Childhood Education (2022)

## Program Orientation 1

### 1 Describe the expectations, procedures, and opportunities in the early childhood education (ECE) program. DOK1 1.1

- a Review the curriculum standards, competencies, and objectives. 1.1.A
  - b Discuss school and classroom policies for emergency procedures and the proper use of lab equipment. 1.1.B
  - c Identify leadership opportunities in student organizations, such as FCCLA, Skills USA, or Educators Rising. 1.1.C
  - d Complete federally required safety test with 100% accuracy. 1.1.D
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### 2 Explore the opportunities and trends in the field of ECE. DOK2 1.2

- a Research the education and training required in the various ECE careers. 1.2.A
  - b Identify characteristics and responsibilities of individuals working in the field. 1.2.B
  - c Describe the various types of early childcare programs and the historical changes that have affected the field of ECE. 1.2.C
  - d Investigate ECE organizations and their role in the field including licensing, regulations, and accreditations. 1.2.D
    - 1 American Montessori Association (AMA) 1.2.D.1
    - 2 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) 1.2.D.2
    - 3 National Association of Child Care Professionals (NACCP) 1.2.D.3
    - 4 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) 1.2.D.4
    - 5 National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) 1.2.D.5
    - 6 National Child Care Association (NCCA) 1.2.D.6
    - 7 National Head Start Association (NHSA) 1.2.D.7
    - 8 Child Development Association (CDA) 1.2.D.8
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**Child Development:  
Infant to Three Years  
Old** 2

- 1 Apply methods to observe and assess children’s developmental and educational goals. DOK2** 2.1
  - a Identify the general purpose of assessments and factors that determine when they are conducted in a childcare setting. 2.1.A
  - b Analyze factors involved in choosing assessments, including the advantages and disadvantages of each tool. 2.1.B
    - 1 Checklist 2.1.B.1
    - 2 Anecdotal records 2.1.B.2
    - 3 Rating scales 2.1.B.3
    - 4 Participation charts 2.1.B.4
    - 5 Work samples/portfolios 2.1.B.5
    - 6 Visual/technological 2.1.B.6

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- 2 Analyze developmental stages and apply the appropriate strategies that promote growth in children from birth to two years of age. DOK3** 2.2
  - a Describe the characteristics associated with areas of development in children from birth to two years of age. 2.2.A
    - 1 Physical 2.2.A.1
    - 2 Cognitive 2.2.A.2
    - 3 Social-emotional 2.2.A.3
  - b Examine the behaviors and needs described by Erik Erikson’s psychosocial theory that apply to the developmental stages for this group. 2.2.B
    - 1 Stage I 2.2.B.1
    - 2 Stage II 2.2.B.2

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- 3 Analyze developmental stages and apply the appropriate strategies that promote growth in children from two to three years of age. DOK3** 2.3
  - a Describe the characteristics associated with areas of development in children from two to three years of age. 2.3.A
    - 1 Physical 2.3.A.1
    - 2 Cognitive 2.3.A.2
    - 3 Social-emotional 2.3.A.3
  - b Examine the stages of development for children in this age group according to theories and principles. 2.3.B
    - 1 Piaget’s theory of cognitive development 2.3.B.1
    - 2 Erikson’s psychosocial theory of human development 2.3.B.2

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**Child Development:  
Four Years Old and  
Special Needs  
Populations 3**

**1 Analyze developmental stages and apply the appropriate strategies that promote growth in children from four to five years of age. DOK3 3.1**

- a Describe the characteristics associated with areas of development for children in this age group. 3.1.A
    - 1 Physical 3.1.A.1
    - 2 Cognitive 3.1.A.2
    - 3 Social-emotional 3.1.A.3
  - b Examine the stages of development for children in this age group according to theoretical principles. 3.1.B
    - 1 Piaget's theory of cognitive development 3.1.B.1
    - 2 Erikson's psychosocial theory of human development 3.1.B.2
    - 3 Maslow's hierarchy of needs 3.1.B.3
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**2 Develop strategies that support the inclusion and development of children with special needs into a program. DOK3 3.2**

- a Examine the purpose and goals of laws regarding disabilities in childcare programs. 3.2.A
    - 1 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 3.2.A.1
    - 2 Individualized Education Plan (IEP) 3.2.A.2
    - 3 Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) 3.2.A.3
    - 4 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 3.2.A.4
  - b Apply strategies to identify and accommodate the various types of special needs. 3.2.B
    - 1 Hearing 3.2.B.1
    - 2 Speech/language 3.2.B.2
    - 3 Visual 3.2.B.3
    - 4 Physical 3.2.B.4
    - 5 Cognitive/learning 3.2.B.5
    - 6 Gifted 3.2.B.6
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**Preparing a Healthy and Safe Environment** 4

**1 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate equipment selection and space organization skills to promote healthy learning environments. DOK3** 4.1

- a Identify key elements and criteria involved in planning and preparing the environment. 4.1.A
  - 1 Indoor environment 4.1.A.1
  - 2 Indoor furniture and design 4.1.A.2
  - 3 Activity areas 4.1.A.3
  - 4 Outdoor environment 4.1.A.4
- b Plan activities and select equipment, materials, and toys that encourage the developmental skills of children, such as motor, problem solving, exploration, and communication. 4.1.B
  - 1 Birth to two years of age 4.1.B.1
  - 2 Two to three years of age 4.1.B.2
  - 3 Three to four years of age 4.1.B.3
  - 4 Special needs populations 4.1.B.4

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**2 Develop policies that must be implemented to protect the safety and health of children in a childcare facility. DOK3 4.2**

- a Identify the necessary physical features to prevent or reduce injuries in a childcare facility. 4.2.A
  - 1 Indoor and outdoor play areas 4.2.A.1
  - 2 Furniture 4.2.A.2
  - 3 Walls 4.2.A.3
  - 4 Toys and equipment 4.2.A.4
- b Explain emergency and safety procedures that must be implemented to maintain a safe environment for children. 4.2.B
  - 1 Child supervision 4.2.B.1
  - 2 Transportation 4.2.B.2
  - 3 Fire and weather 4.2.B.3
  - 4 Choking and poisonings 4.2.B.4
- c Demonstrate procedures that minimize and prevent the spread of disease and infections. 4.2.C
  - 1 Sanitizing and disinfecting 4.2.C.1
  - 2 Hand washing 4.2.C.2
  - 3 Diapering/toileting 4.2.C.3
- d Identify concepts to design nutritious meals and snacks in a childcare program. 4.2.D
  - 1 Common nutritional problems/needs 4.2.D.1
  - 2 Food groups and sources 4.2.D.2
  - 3 Meal plans and preferences 4.2.D.3
- e Design a center's health policy that protects and improves the health of children. 4.2.E
  - 1 Immunizations 4.2.E.1
  - 2 Exclusion 4.2.E.2
  - 3 Administering medications 4.2.E.3
  - 4 Napping 4.2.E.4
  - 5 Contacting parents 4.2.E.5
  - 6 First aid 4.2.E.6
  - 7 Wounds and burn treatment 4.2.E.7

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**3 Explain the legal requirements childcare centers use to promote children's safety.**

**DOK2 4.3**

- a Explore a center's responsibility for ensuring the safety and health of children. 4.3.A
    - 1 Types of liability 4.3.A.1
    - 2 Health and safety forms 4.3.A.2
    - 3 Privacy law 4.3.A.3
  - b Recognize signs of neglect and abuse in children. 4.3.B
    - 1 Nonaccidental physical injury 4.3.B.1
    - 2 Neglect 4.3.B.2
    - 3 Emotional abuse 4.3.B.3
    - 4 Sexual abuse 4.3.B.4
  - c Demonstrate procedures that minimize and prevent the spread of disease and infections. 4.3.C
    - 1 Sanitizing and disinfecting 4.3.C.1
    - 2 Hand washing 4.3.C.2
    - 3 Diapering/toileting 4.3.C.3
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## Learning Environment 5

### 1 Create a healthy, supportive, and challenging learning environment based on developmental skills of children. DOK3 5.1

- a Identify reasons and guidelines for establishing classroom limits and enforcement techniques. 5.1.A
- b Describe appropriate limitations for general classroom areas and activities. 5.1.B
  - 1 Cooking 5.1.B.1
  - 2 Sensory play 5.1.B.2
  - 3 Playground activity 5.1.B.3
  - 4 Dramatic play 5.1.B.4
  - 5 Small manipulative activities 5.1.B.5
- c Identify strategies that promote effective routines and activities for early childhood education programs. 5.1.C
  - 1 Arrival routines 5.1.C.1
  - 2 Meals/snacks 5.1.C.2
  - 3 Nap times 5.1.C.3
  - 4 Indoor and outdoor play 5.1.C.4
  - 5 Toileting and hand washing 5.1.C.5
- d Demonstrate the use of developmentally appropriate transition techniques that promote positive outcomes in a childcare setting. 5.1.D

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**2 Develop guidance skills to support developmental and educational goals.**

**DOK2 5.2**

- a Differentiate the purpose of discipline, guidance, and in a childcare setting. 5.2.A
- b Describe principles of direct and indirect guidance. 5.2.B
- c Identify the purpose and goals of techniques designed to guide children's behavior. 5.2.C
  - 1 Positive verbal environment 5.2.C.1
  - 2 Positive reinforcement 5.2.C.2
  - 3 Consequences 5.2.C.3
  - 4 Warning 5.2.C.4
  - 5 Time-out 5.2.C.5
  - 6 I-messages 5.2.C.6
  - 7 Praise 5.2.C.7
  - 8 Prompting 5.2.C.8
  - 9 Persuading 5.2.C.9
  - 10 Redirecting 5.2.C.10
  - 11 Modeling 5.2.C.11
  - 12 Listening 5.2.C.12
  - 13 Encouraging 5.2.C.13
  - 14 Suggestions 5.2.C.14

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**Curriculum  
Development 6**

**1 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate teaching methods and approaches to learning for early education. DOK2 6.1**

- a Describe factors to consider, and the elements involved in the curriculum development process. 6.1.A
  - 1 Program goals 6.1.A.1
  - 2 Observations/assessments 6.1.A.2
  - 3 Content vs. process-centered 6.1.A.3
  - 4 Learning styles/interests 6.1.A.4
  - 5 Themes 6.1.A.5
  - 6 Resources 6.1.A.6
  - 7 Activities 6.1.A.7
  - 8 Technology 6.1.A.8

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**2 Demonstrate approaches to learning and teaching by incorporating developmentally appropriate themes. DOK2 6.2**

- a Compile a list of developmentally appropriate themes for toddlers and preschool-age children. 6.2.A
- b Develop a web or flowchart illustrating a connection between activities and themed units of lessons. 6.2.B
- c Write a “block” format lesson plan based on a theme. 6.2.C
- d Create a “daily lesson plan” to include the following: 6.2.D
  - 1 Goals 6.2.D.1
  - 2 Motivation or introduction 6.2.D.2
  - 3 Subject 6.2.D.3
  - 4 Learning objectives 6.2.D.4
  - 5 Procedures 6.2.D.5
  - 6 Accommodations (developmental delays) 6.2.D.6
  - 7 Materials 6.2.D.7
  - 8 Closure/transition 6.2.D.8
  - 9 Guided questions 6.2.D.9
  - 10 Evaluation 6.2.D.10

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**3 Design a plan to guide learning experiences. DOK3 6.3**

- a In the plan, include the necessary elements for the following: 6.3.A
    - 1 Art 6.3.A.1
    - 2 Language (storytelling, writing, play, or puppetry) 6.3.A.2
    - 3 Math 6.3.A.3
    - 4 Science 6.3.A.4
    - 5 Social studies 6.3.A.5
    - 6 Music or movement 6.3.A.6
    - 7 Food experiences 6.3.A.7
    - 8 Field trip experiences 6.3.A.8
    - 9 Technology 6.3.A.9
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## Family and Community Relationships 7

### 1 Demonstrate cultural awareness and skills to build positive relationships with family and community members. DOK2 7.1

- a Identify the purpose and various methods for involving parents and families in the childcare program. 7.1.A
    - 1 Parent-teacher conferences 7.1.A.1
    - 2 Written communication 7.1.A.2
    - 3 Home visits 7.1.A.3
    - 4 Discussion groups 7.1.A.4
    - 5 Volunteers 7.1.A.5
  - b Identify strategies to promote cultural diversity and the challenges associated with certain concepts. 7.1.B
    - 1 Multicultural books, toys, and materials 7.1.B.1
    - 2 Celebrations, events, and holidays 7.1.B.2
    - 3 Intergenerational concepts 7.1.B.3
    - 4 Stereotypes 7.1.B.4
    - 5 Nonsexist toys and materials 7.1.B.5
  - c Identify strategies to promote cultural diversity and the challenges associated with certain concepts. 7.1.C
    - 1 Cooking 7.1.C.1
    - 2 Sensory play 7.1.C.2
    - 3 Playground activity 7.1.C.3
    - 4 Dramatic play 7.1.C.4
    - 5 Small manipulative activities 7.1.C.5
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## Career Development and Professionalism 8

### 1 Demonstrate career readiness and work-based learning skills. DOK3 8.1

- a Research and compare available jobs in the ECE field based on key factors. 8.1.A
  - 1 Minimum education 8.1.A.1
  - 2 Certifications 8.1.A.2
  - 3 Minimum experience 8.1.A.3
  - 4 Job description/responsibilities 8.1.A.4
  - 5 Salary 8.1.A.5
- b Demonstrate basic interviewing skills led by the instructor and/or advisory committee members. 8.1.B
  - 1 Professional attire 8.1.B.1
  - 2 Cover letter 8.1.B.2
  - 3 Application and/or résumé 8.1.B.3
  - 4 Letters of recommendations 8.1.B.4
  - 5 Thank you/follow up letters 8.1.B.5
- c Review individual professional portfolios to ensure necessary documents are included and information is current. 8.1.C
  - 1 Philosophy of education 8.1.C.1
  - 2 Lesson plans 8.1.C.2
  - 3 Food menus and schedules 8.1.C.3
  - 4 Daily schedule of activities 8.1.C.4
  - 5 Observation records 8.1.C.5