

ECE-912: Teaching Patterns in the ECE Classroom

Independent Study Online Course Syllabus

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Course Description

This course will help you improve early math learning in your preschool classroom by understanding practical strategies that can be used to support children's success in patterning, while gaining confidence for yourself as a capable math teacher! You will learn to develop patterning opportunities that are intentional, developmentally appropriate, engaging, and playful. Create math opportunities designed to support children in achieving individual learning goals, while improving the use of spontaneous opportunities that emerge through classroom or playground interactions as teachable math moments.

This course can be completed with or without practical application in real classrooms. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators will be utilized and applied in this course, as relative to developmentally appropriate practice and individualization for specific children when teaching early math skills.

The California Preschool Learning Foundations, Desired Results Developmental Profile and research/resources from the Stanford Development and Research in Early Math Education (DREME) Teacher Educator (TE) Network will be utilized in this course. Individuals not residing/teaching in the state of California can utilize their own standards or assessment tools for study and reflection within the course.

Note: Required book must be acquired separately.

Required Texts and Course Materials

Textbook: Hynes-Berry, M., Grandau, L. (2019). *Where's the Math?* National Association for the Education of Young Children. ISBN: 9781938113512.

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/books/wheres-the-math>

Note: Students are responsible for purchasing their own textbook, analyzing the content, and applying what they learned to the course assignments. You are welcome to purchase used, e-book, or new versions to save money. You can order the book directly from the publisher or from one of several discount aggregators (for example): <https://amazon.com>

Online Resources: Relevant online resources that support the course content and encourage further investigation will be available throughout the course assignments. Active hyperlinks are utilized throughout the course and will link to the appropriate information when clicked. These include videos, podcasts, worksheets, online activities, journal articles and other resources.

Canvas: This course will be delivered totally online. Canvas is a web-based learning management system (LMS) that provides students access to online resources, documents, videos, assignments, quizzes, forums, etc. Canvas is easy to learn and has a user-friendly interface.

Course Dates

Self-paced; students may enroll at any time and take up to one year, from the date of registration, to complete assignments. Students may complete assignments in no less than three weeks for a 3-unit course (one week per unit).

National Standards Addressed in This Course

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators

https://www.naeyc.org/sites/default/files/globally-shared/downloads/PDFs/resources/position-statements/standards_and_competencies_ps.pdf

- Standard 1: Child Development and Learning in Context
- Standard 2: Family-Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections
- Standard 3: Child Observation, Documentation and Assessment
- Standard 4: Developmentally, Culturally, and Linguistically Appropriate Teaching Practices
- Standard 5: Knowledge, Application, and Integration of Academic Content in the Early Childhood Curriculum
- Standard 6: Professionalism as an Early Childhood Educator

Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) <https://www.desiredresults.us/>

The California Department of Education (CDE) Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Desired Results (DR) system is designed to improve the quality of programs and services provided to all children, birth through 12 years of age, who are enrolled in early care and education programs and before-and after-school programs, and their families. Desired Results are defined as conditions of well-being for children and families. Each Desired Result defines an overall outcome. The DR system was developed based on six desired results – four for children and two for their families.

The DR system implemented by the California Department of Education is a comprehensive approach that facilitates the achievement of the Desired Results identified for children and families. California is one of the very few states in the nation that has developed its own system designed specifically for measuring child progress toward desired outcomes. The system is aligned to both the state's learning and development foundations for early care and education programs and the content standards for kindergarten.

California Preschool Curriculum Frameworks, Volume 1 (CPCF)

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/documents/psframeworkkv1.pdf>

Created as companion volumes to the *California Preschool Learning Foundations*, the *California Preschool Curriculum Frameworks* present strategies for early childhood educators that enrich learning and development opportunities for all of California's preschool children. The *California Preschool Curriculum Frameworks* include ideas for how to intentionally integrate learning into children's play; implement child-directed and teacher-guided activities; plan environments, interactions, routines, and materials that engage children in learning; and individualize curriculum based on children's knowledge, skills, needs and interests.

The frameworks were developed using an inclusive and deliberate input process, including statewide stakeholder meetings, public input sessions held throughout the state, public hearings and public comment. Input from the various review opportunities was considered and incorporated as appropriate.

Continuing Education Student Learning Outcomes (CE-SLO)

CE-SLO 1	Demonstrate proficient written communication by articulating a clear focus, synthesizing arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to inform and persuade others, and present information applicable to targeted use.
CE-SLO 2	Demonstrate comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.
CE-SLO 3	Reflect on their personal and professional growth and provide evidence of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and professional improvement.
CE-SLO 4	Apply critical thinking competencies by generating probing questions, recognizing underlying assumptions, interpreting and evaluating relevant information, and applying their understandings to the professional setting.
CE-SLO 5	Reflect on values that inspire high standards of professional and ethical behavior as they pursue excellence in applying new learning to their chosen field.
CE-SLO 6	Identify information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, organize that information, identify the best sources of information for a given enquiry, locate and critically evaluate sources, and accurately and effectively share that information.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (C-SLO)

Student Learning Outcomes for This Course By the end of this course student will be able to:		National Standards Addressed*	CE-SLO Addressed**
C-SLO 1	Develop patterning opportunities that are intentional, developmentally appropriate and engaging, and intended to support children in achievement of specific learning goals.	NAEYC 4	CE 1, 2, 6

C-SLO 2	Improve confidence and ability in teaching patterning and related skills in the ECE classroom, based on self-evaluation.	NAEYC 5, 6	CE 3, 5
C-SLO 3	Describe how the development of children's thinking influences their knowledge of patterning.	NAEYC 5	CE 1, 2, 4, 6
C-SLO 4	Apply knowledge of typical milestones of development to individualize learning opportunities based on student needs and abilities.	NAEYC 1, 3	CE 1, 2, 6
C-SLO 5	Give examples of ways that children's books and literacy can be used to support patterning in the classroom.	NAEYC 2	CE 3, 4, 5

* Please refer to the section on **National Standards Addressed in This Course**

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Topics, Assignments, and Activities

Module Title	Module Assignments and Activities	Points Possible
Welcome Module	- Welcome Video - Course Syllabus - Introduce Yourself Forum	
Module 1 – Why & What of Patterns	- Read Chapter Two (p. 30-35) 1.1 Math Connections Intro 1.2 Exploring Growth Patterns 1.3 Milestones Forum 1.4 Pattern Paths to Algebra	15 Points 15 Points 25 Points 30 Points
Module 2 –Patterns & Algebra	- Read Chapter Two (p. 36-39) 2.1 Pattern Detectives Activity 2.2 Pattern Math Concepts Forum	35 Points 20 Points
Module 3 – Development of Children's Thinking	- Read Chapter Two (p. 40 – 43) 3.1 Module 3 Quiz 3.2 PowerPoint Presentation 3.3 Forum: Growing Patterns & Literacy	25 pts 35 pts 25 pts
Module 4 – Assessing Learning	- Read Chapter Two (p. 44 – 47) - Preschool curriculum frameworks reading 4.1 Individualizing Forum 4.2 Analysis of Learning Assignment	25 pts 30 pts
Module 5 – Supporting Classroom Practice	- Read Chapter Two (p. 48 – 51) - Preschool curriculum frameworks reading chapter 6 5.1 Making Connections Assignment 5.2 Lesson Plan Project 5.3 Final Choice Assignment 5.4 Final Reflection Forum	30 pts 40 pts 50 pts 20 pts

Course Wrap-up – Grading and Evaluation	• Course Evaluation • Course Completion Checklist • Grade Request / Transcript Request	
	TOTAL POINTS	420 points

Grading Policies, Rubrics, and Requirements for Assignments

Grading Policies

- Assignments will be graded per criteria presented in the course rubrics.
- A = 90-100% and B = 80-89%, (anything below 80% will not receive credit.)
- The discernment between an A or a B letter grade is at the discretion of the instructor based on the quality of work submitted (see course rubrics).
- Coursework falling below a B grade will be returned with further instructions.
- All assignments must be completed to receive a grade and are expected to reflect the quality that teacher-training institutions require of professional educators. If completed assignments do not meet this standard, students will be notified with further instructions from the instructor.

Grading Rubrics

Grade	Percent	Description	Rubric
A	90-100%	Excellent	Meets all course / assignment requirements with significant evidence of subject mastery and demonstration of excellent graduate level professional development scholarship.
B	80-89%	Very Good	Adequately meets criteria for all course/assignment requirements - demonstrates subject competency with very good graduate level professional development scholarship.
NC	Below 80%	Unacceptable	Does not meet the minimum criteria for all course/assignment requirements and demonstrated little, if any, evidence of acceptable graduate level professional development scholarship.

Writing Requirements

- **Superior:** Writing is clear, succinct, and reflects graduate level expectations. Clearly addresses all parts of the writing task. Maintains a consistent point of view and organizational structure. Includes relevant facts, details, and explanations.
- **Standard:** Writing is acceptable with very few mistakes in grammar and spelling. Addresses most parts of the writing task. Maintains a mostly consistent point of view and organizational structure. Includes mostly relevant facts, details, and explanations.
- **Sub-standard:** Writing contains noticeable mistakes in grammar and spelling. Does not address all parts of the writing task. Lacks a consistent point of view and organizational structure. May include marginally relevant facts, details, and explanations.

Lesson Plan Requirements

- **Superior:** Instructional goals and objectives clearly stated. Instructional strategies appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is clearly delineated and authentic. All materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson clearly listed.

- **Standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are stated but are not easy to understand. Some instructional strategies are appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is present. Most materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are listed.
- **Sub-standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are not stated. Learners cannot tell what is expected of them. Instructional strategies are missing or strategies used are inappropriate. Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is missing. Materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are missing.

Instructor/Student Contact Information

Throughout the course participants will be communicating with the instructor and their classmates on a regular basis using asynchronous posting forums. Students are provided with instructor contact information in the event they want to make email or phone contact. In addition, students are encouraged to email or phone the instructor at any time. Students will also receive feedback on the required assignments as they are submitted.

Forums

Participation is an important expectation of this course and all online courses. Online forums promote reflection and analysis while allowing students to appreciate and evaluate positions that others express. Forum postings are open to be viewed by all students in the course, so do not post sensitive or personal information about your students. While students may not be engaging with the same students throughout this course, they will be expected to offer comments, questions, and replies to the forum questions whenever possible. The faculty role in the forums is that of an observer and facilitator.

Coursework Hours

Based on the Carnegie Unit standard, a unit of graduate credit measures academic credit based on the number of hours the student is engaged in learning. This includes all time spent on the course: reading the textbook, watching videos, listening to audio lessons, researching topics, writing papers, creating projects, developing lesson plans, posting to discussion boards, etc. Coursework offered for FPU Continuing Education graduate credit adheres to 45 hours per semester unit for the 900-level courses. Therefore, a student will spend approximately 135 hours on a typical 3-unit course.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are eligible for reasonable accommodations in their academic work in all classes. In order to receive assistance, the student with a disability must provide the Academic Support Center with documentation, which describes the specific disability. The documentation must be from a qualified professional in the area of the disability (i.e. psychologist, physician or educational diagnostician). Once documentation is on file, arrangements for reasonable accommodations can be made. For more information and for downloadable forms, please go to <https://www.fresno.edu/departments/disability-access-education>.

Plagiarism and Academic Honesty

All people participating in the educational process at Fresno Pacific University are expected to pursue honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work. Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, will be handled per the procedures set forth in the Fresno Pacific University Catalogue and Handbook - <https://handbook.fresno.edu/graduate/academic-policies>

Technology Requirements

To successfully complete the course requirements, course participants will need Internet access, can send and receive email, know how to manage simple files in a word processing program, and have a basic understanding of the Internet. Please remember that the instructor is not able to offer technical support. If you need technical support, please contact your Internet Service Provider.

Getting Help with Canvas: If you need help with Canvas, please contact the FPU Help Desk by phone: (559) 453-3410 or email: helpdesk@fresno.edu. Help is available Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Final Course Grade and Transcripts

When all work for the course has been completed, students will need to request their final grade by accessing the form at ce.fresno.edu/grade-request. Once the instructor receives the request and posts their final grade, students will receive an email communication from the University. Please allow at least two weeks for the final grade to be posted before you order your transcripts online.

University Policies and Procedures

Students are responsible for becoming familiar with the information presented in the Academic Catalog and for knowing and observing all policies and procedures related to their participation in the university community. A summary of university policies may be found on the university website at <https://www.fresno.edu/departments/registrars-office/academic-catalogs>.

Fresno Pacific University Student Learning Outcomes (FPU-SLO)

FPU-SLO 1	Student Learning Outcomes Oral Communication: Students will <i>exhibit</i> clear, engaging, and confident oral communication – in both individual and group settings – and will critically <i>evaluate</i> content and delivery components.
FPU-SLO 2	Written Communication: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> proficient written communication by <i>articulating</i> a clear focus, <i>synthesizing</i> arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to <i>inform</i> and <i>persuade</i> others.
FPU-SLO 3	Content Knowledge: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.
FPU-SLO 4	Reflection: Students will <i>reflect</i> on their personal and professional growth and <i>provide evidence</i> of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and vocational improvement.
FPU-SLO 5	Critical Thinking: Students will <i>apply</i> critical thinking competencies by <i>generating</i> probing questions, <i>recognizing</i> underlying assumptions, <i>interpreting</i> and <i>evaluating</i> relevant information, and <i>applying</i> their understandings to new situations.

FPU-SLO 6	Moral Reasoning: Students will <i>identify</i> and <i>apply</i> moral reasoning and ethical decision-making skills, and <i>articulate</i> the norms and principles underlying a Christian worldview.
FPU-SLO 7	Service: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> service and reconciliation as a way of leadership.
FPU-SLO 8	Cultural and Global Perspective: Students will <i>identify</i> personal, cultural, and global perspectives and will employ these perspectives to <i>evaluate</i> complex systems.
FPU-SLO 9	Quantitative Reasoning: Students will accurately <i>compute</i> calculations and symbolic operations and <i>explain</i> their use in a field of study.
FPU-SLO 10	Information Literacy: Students will <i>identify</i> information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, <i>explain</i> how that information is organized, <i>identify</i> the best sources of information for a given enquiry, <i>locate</i> and critically <i>evaluate</i> sources, and accurately and effectively <i>share</i> that information.