

Early Childhood News

Northwest Florida State College

June 2009

Greetings!

However you are spending your summer, attending classes, working, finding some leisure time for vacations and family fun or all three, I hope you are having a pleasant summer.



Despite the very visible signs of summer time---the heat, crowded beaches and roads, children out of school---it is time to begin thinking about enrolling in classes for the Fall term. Registration will begin on July 13. See the complete schedule for registration dates in this newsletter to determine the first day you are eligible to register.

If you are pursuing an A.A.S. or an A.S. in early childhood education and have not met with me to develop a program of study, it is important that you do so. The program of study provides a “map” toward completing your degree program at NWFSC. Also, I will be able to give you specific advice about courses that you may want to take before others. If you wish to schedule an appointment to meet with me, please call Ms. Aaron, staff assistant for the early childhood education department at 729-5386.

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,
Beverly R. Sandlin, Director
Early Childhood Education
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Registration Schedule for Fall 2009 Term

Beginning Date	Who
July 13	Active Duty Military & Civil Service Registration: In-person at Eglin & Hurlburt
July 15	Prospective Graduates (48 or more credits)
July 20	All Returning Students
July 27	New Student Early Registration

The complete schedule of classes for fall can be viewed at www.nwfsc.edu.

Other Important Dates to Remember:

- July 22 If you will complete a degree or certificate program during Summer term 2009, you must apply for graduation by this date in order to receive your diploma.
- August 1 End of Summer Term
- August 24 First Day of Classes
- December 4 If you will complete a degree or certificate program during Fall term 2009, you must apply for graduation by this date in order to receive your diploma.

December 18 End of Fall Term 2009



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Why Do I Need a Program of Study?

When you meet with a student advisor, you will develop a plan that will serve as a guide for completing your degree or certificate program at OWC. While you can certainly follow the guide in the college catalog, you may miss out on some valuable information. Ms. Sandlin will be able to help you plan the order of when to take classes and will also be able to tell you which courses are only offered once a year. There have been occasions when a student had to wait two semesters to take the last course needed for their degree because they did not seek out guidance early in their college career.

Raidernet: Information is Power!

Are you using all the great information available to you at Raidernet? You can download a student copy of your transcript. You can do a degree audit to see exactly which requirements you have completed and which requirements you must complete for your degree.

Go to www.nwfsc.edu and sign on to Raidernet. The directions on how to sign in the first time is provided there.

Your FCCPC or CDA is Worth College Credit!



If you have a current FCCPC or CDA, you may be eligible to earn college credit for the credential. In order to do so you must:

1. Have a current FCCPC or CDA.
2. Have completed 15 credit hours at NWFSC.

If you meet the two requirements above and have not already done so, submit a copy of your certificate to Ms Sandlin by bringing it to her office at Bldg. M, Room 104 on the Niceville campus.

I Don't Plan to Participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Why Do I Need to Apply to Graduate?

The purpose of the graduation ceremony is to publicly celebrate your accomplishments and share this with family and friends. However, you are not required to do so.



Still, if you wish to complete your certificate or degree program and receive your diploma, you must complete an Application for Graduation. The purpose of this application is to signal to the student services office that they need to review your records and determine that you are eligible for graduation. **If you fail to do this important step, you will not receive your diploma!**



Which Courses Are NOT Offered Every Term?

CHD1430-Observing and Recording Child Behavior
Offered Fall and Summer Terms Only

CHD2332A-Curriculum for Young Children II Offered during Fall Term Only

CHD2334A-Curriculum for Young Children III Offered during Spring Term Only

CHD2337A-Curriculum for Young Children IV Offered During Spring Term Only

When making long term plans and determining which classes you will take each term, take this information into consideration.

Early Childhood Student Association



Hop in and join ECSA for another great year as we work and learn with other ECE Students. The membership of the Early Childhood Student Association consists of students who are studying early childhood education at Northwest Florida State College.

What are the requirements for membership?

The student must be currently enrolled at NWFSC.

The student must have a minimum NWFSC cumulative GPA of 2.0.

The student must pay annual dues of \$10.00.

What is the purpose of ECSA?

Promote professional growth and knowledge in early childhood education.

Provide opportunities for early childhood students to associate with one another.

Practice advocacy for children and families.

Participate in community service activities particularly on behalf of young children and their families.

How will I benefit from membership?

You will have an opportunity to get acquainted with other early childhood students and share information and support as you attend NWFSC.

You will have an opportunity to gain leadership skills if you choose to take a leadership role in the organization.

You can participate in community service activities that will help meet a requirement for renewal of your Florida Director Credential.

Your membership will meet one of the requirements for renewal of the CDA and/or FCCPC.

What are the Early Childhood Education Certificate Programs at NWFSC?

NWFSC has four certificate programs in early childhood education. In the course of working toward completion of the A.A.S. or A.S. degree in early childhood education, you will also meet the requirements to earn the diplomas for these certificate programs. **In order to receive the diplomas for these programs, you must complete an application for graduation.**

Child Care Program Management (12 credit hours)

- ___ CHD2322-Programs for Y. Children
- ___ CHD2432A-Curriculum for Y. Children
- ___ DEP2100-Child Growth & Dev. I
- ___ CHD1800-Early Childhood Program Administration

Preschool (12 credit hours)

- ___ CHD2322-Programs for Y. Children
- ___ CHD2432A-Curriculum for Y. Children
- ___ DEP2100-Child Growth & Dev. I
- ___ CHD1430-Observing & Recording Child Behavior

Infant/Toddler (12 credit hours)

- ___ CHD2322-Programs for Y. Children
- ___ CHD2432A-Curriculum for Y. Children
- ___ DEP2100-Child Growth & Dev. I
- ___ CHD1312-Infants and Toddlers

Child Development/Early Intervention (36 credit hours)

See complete requirements for this certificate in the current NWFSC catalog.



NWFSC will offer the Associate of Science Degree Beginning Fall Term 2009

Beginning Fall 2009, early childhood students may choose to earn either the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree or the Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree.

The key differences are:

- ❖ LIN1670 (Writing and Grammar) will meet the Communications requirement for the A.A.S. degree. Students seeking the A.S. degree must take ENC1101 (English Composition 1).
- ❖ MTB1103 (Business Math) will meet the Math requirement for the A.A.S. degree. Students seeking the A.S. degree must take a general education Gordon rule mathematics course. See list of courses in NWFSC Catalog.
- ❖ The A.A.S. degree is not a transferable degree.
- ❖ The A.S. degree will transfer to a limited number of Baccalaureate degree programs in Florida.



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