Course Description
This course is an exploration of principles, methods, and materials for teaching young children language and literacy through a play-based, integrated curriculum to children from birth through age eight.

Text, References, and Supplies

Course Goals/Objectives
The following list of course goals will be addressed in the course. These goals are directly related to the performance objectives.

1. define literacy and emergent literacy
2. analyze various theories of language development
3. describe the teachers role in promoting emergent literacy
4. create literacy environments for children
5. select and share appropriate literature with children

Student Contributions and Class Policies
The Helen L. Greathouse Children’s Center, located at Midland College, is designated as the primary laboratory site for the completion of lab hours, observations and assignments as specified by the instructor. The Midland College Child Care Center located at Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 West or other sites may be used upon instructor’s approval prior to the completion of lab experiences.

The student will utilize text, discussions and assignments to gain understanding of emergent literacy from birth through age eight. The student is expected to be knowledgeable of course material, participate in class discussions and complete all assignments. Exams, presentation, and assignments are due on the due date and cannot be made up without prior approval of the instructor.

Students enrolled in online courses MUST log in and actively participate by completing academic assignments required by the instructor by the official census date. Students who log in but do not actively participate in an academically-related activity will be reported as Never Attended and dropped from the course.

Computer Labs
Students who do not have access to a computer may use the general purpose lab located in the Learning Resource Center which is open during the following times: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The general purpose lab located at the Midland College Advanced Technology Center, 3200 West Cuthbert, is open during the following times: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Course Schedule
A course calendar will be distributed to the class by the instructor.

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Students are encouraged to contact the instructor at any time; however, making an appointment will guarantee the instructor’s availability at a specific time.

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. To receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Specialist. Students
Student with Disabilities

Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester. For more information on MC special services see the web site: [www.midland.edu/admissions/StudentServices/StudentswithDisabilities](http://www.midland.edu/admissions/StudentServices/StudentswithDisabilities) or call (432) 685-5598.