Midland College  
Course Syllabus  
CDEC 1358  
Creative Arts for Early Childhood  
Fall 2014-2015

Course Description  
This course is an exploration of principles, methods, and materials for teaching young children music, movement, visual arts, and dramatic play through process-oriented experiences to support divergent thinking.

Text, References, and Supplies  
Mayesky, Mary; *Creative Activities for Young Children*; 11th ed., Delmar Publishers, 2015

Course Goals/Objectives  
Upon successful completion of the course the student will:

1. define the creative process
2. describe the role of play in a child's growth and development
3. describe developmental sequences for creative arts
4. analyze teacher roles in enhancing creativity
5. describe concepts taught through the creative arts
6. describe components of creative environments
7. plan, implement and assess child centered activities for music, movement, visual arts, and dramatic play

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 and assignments are due on the due date and cannot be made up without approval from 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.

Instructor’s Information  
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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.

**Student with Disabilities**

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 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