

Teaching Philosophy Paper

ECE 209-L

Purpose

- To identify your beliefs about working with infants
 - Beliefs influence practice
 - To be prepared for job interviews
- To explain what's most important for you as an infant professional
- ***Your philosophy will change over time***



Format



- 2-3 pages
- Typewritten
- Double-spaced
- 12 point font
- Standard 1" margins
- APA format for citations

Content



3 Parts

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Your beliefs about infant education
- 3) Conclusion

Initial Steps



Review your:

- Reflections on Respect Paper
- Professional Development Plan from ECE 110-Seminar

Part 1: Introduction

In a paragraph explain:

- Why you want to work with infants-toddlers & families
- What is most important to you when working with infants-toddlers & families
- What skills & qualities you possess that will enable you to build strong, healthy relationships with infants, toddlers, families & colleagues



Part 2: Your Beliefs

- For the following categories describe:
 - What you believe about the category
 - What's important to you about the category
 - Specific practices you think should be implemented in classrooms connected to the category
 - How 1 reading/ video from ECE 209 compares to what you wrote about the category
- Categories
 - Relationship-based practices (the 3 R's):
 - 3 R's
 - Respect
 - Reciprocity
 - Responsiveness
 - Attachment

- Infant Curriculum
 - Family-Like Environment
 - Individualized Routines
 - Following a Baby's Lead
- Working with Families
- Baby's/ Family's Heritage Culture
- Supporting Learning



Part 3: Conclusion



In a paragraph explain:

- What has struck you as you participated in ECE 209?
- What has been the most meaningful material you have learned in ECE 209?
- What questions about working with babies and families do you still have?
- What are your career goals?
- What steps do you have to take to realize that goal?