

# Teaching Belief Paper

ECE 209-L

# Purpose

- To identify your beliefs about working with infants & families
  - 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



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

# Content



## 4 Parts

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Your Beliefs about Infant Education
- 3) Connection to ECE 209
- 4) Conclusion

# Initial Steps



Review your:

- Goals for ECE 209
- Readings & Videos Handouts from ECE 209 Lecture & Seminar
  - Identify what is important to you
- Professional Development Plan from ECE 110-Seminar

# Part 1: Introduction

## Explain:

1. Why you want to work with infants-toddlers & families
2. What qualities & skills you possess that will enable you to develop healthy, positive relationships with babies, families & colleagues
3. What is important to you when working with infants



# Part 2: Your Philosophy

- Define your philosophy of infant education
- How will the following elements be implemented/practiced in your infant classroom?
  - Relationship-based practices (the 3 R's):
    - Respect
    - Reciprocity
    - Responsiveness
  - Infant Curriculum
    - Family-Like Environment
    - Individualized Routines
  - Families
  - Culture
- ***Give specific examples!***



# Part 3 : Comparison to ECE 209

Compare your philosophy to ECE 209 course materials

- Review what we have read, watched, & discussed in ECE 209-Lecture & Seminar
  - How is your ideas similar to what read, watched & discussed?
  - How are your ideas different from what was read, watched & discussed?
  - *Explain the similarities or differences!*
- Make specific connections!





# Part 4: Conclusion Paragraph

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 & families do you still have?
- What are your career plans after you finish your degree at BMCC?

