

ECED& 137 : Outdoor Learning for Young Children

Credits 3

Quarter Offered Spring

This course is an exploration of nature-based, outdoor learning experiences for all young children. Students will identify the benefits of outdoor learning for children, learn about the teacher's role in supporting learning in the outdoor learning environment, consider adult comfort levels with outdoor experiences, and examine risk-taking as a part of learning. This class may include students from multiple sections.

Course Outcomes

Describe the benefits of outdoor learning environments (OLE) for all children birth-8 years, including disabilities and recognize the OLE as a place where development is encouraged.

Explain the benefits of OLE and how OLE can positively impact children as well as practice conversational skills to advocate for OLE to parents and administrators.

Create a plan for an OLE that supports all children's learning.

Identify and practice teaching strategies that can be used in the OLE.

Explore and describe personal comfort level with outdoor experiences and risk-taking and describe the value of risk-taking as it pertains to children's learning and development.

Demonstrate strategies for supporting children's risk-taking and learning in the outdoor learning environment.