

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Program Standards for Class Participation, Lab Experiences and Student Observations

CODE OF ETHICS

Students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program must accept responsibility for ethical behavior as defined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Code of Ethics in verbal, physical, and written interactions. Ethical behavior must be demonstrated at all times, especially when a student is in a field based classroom setting with children.

Students will demonstrate:

- Confidentiality, dependability and accountability in the college classroom and in lab experiences (on and off campus)
- A collective responsibility to report suspected unethical behavior to appropriate authorities.
- Respect for property belonging to individuals, the college and practicum sites
- Evidence of appropriate personal health care, emotional health, stability and a professional demeanor at all times.
- The ability to separate personal problems and habits from school work, performance in the field, and interactions with children and staff.
- Respect for cultural and individual differences.
- Respect for the learning environment and avoid the use of cell phones, texting, or any electronic device (unless for academic purposes) during class and lab sessions.
- Honesty in completing all coursework, as described in the DMACC student conduct code.
- The student agrees to notify his/her instructor in the event that he/she is not able to meet this practicum/observation standard at any time throughout the semester.

I have read and understand and agree to follow the Code of Ethics outlined above. I understand failure to follow the code of ethics, as stated above, will result in a meeting with the course instructor, and if necessary, the college judicial officer to discuss possible sanctions.

(Student Name – please print)

(Student Signature)

(Instructor Signature)

(Date)