Purpose: This assignment will be a beginning of the development of your teaching/learning philosophy regarding:

1. How you see yourself as a professional.
2. What you believe about early care & education; and how children learn,
3. How you would create quality, developmentally appropriate, child-centered and equitable environment for learning.

• A Teaching/Learning Philosophy: Look at a philosophy statement as the foundation - the general principles of the field of early childhood education (in this case). It states the experiences of teaching and learning and the choices educators make to support these experiences.

• A good, concise philosophy statement is the foundation for:
  - Specific Program Goals and Objectives: Program goals and objectives should be consistent with your philosophy. This is the foundation of your curriculum.
  - Program Policies: Program policies are a means of implementing the goals and objectives.

Directions:

1. Content Information: Address all the issues under each section (Parts 1-4) thoroughly. Remember this is your philosophy.
2. Length of each section (Parts 1-3): Show thorough discussion of each item separately & demonstrating critical thinking. You do that and you know the length is right.
3. Must be TYPED:
   - Grade will be based on thoroughness, completeness of thought, writing skills, etc.
   - Needs to be in YOUR OWN WORDS!
   - Need to PROOF-READ! [Recommend that you take your first draft to the Tutoring Center].
   - Title Page:

My Educational Philosophy

Your Name

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Child Development & Educational Studies Department
CDES 122 Principles of ECE
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4. Assignments will be accepted one week late (points will automatically be deducted for all late papers. A project is considered late at the end of the day it is due).
5. The Instructor needs a Hard Copy of All Assignments. (Options: Assignments need to be turned in during class (recommended), or delivered to the campus mailroom (staff will time stamp the paper) or postmarked the day they are due to be accepted.
6. All Parts of the assignment must be submitted to Turnitin.com at the time that they are due. (Attach a receipt of submission to your paper you are turning in).

Due Dates:

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Directions:

Address all the issues under Parts 1-3 thoroughly. See this as building the knowledge base for writing a more concise philosophy statement in Part 4. All parts of this assignment should reflect YOUR PHILOSOPHY. You may write in the first person - "I believe..."

Discuss each of the following [as you are writing on each of the issues separately] for all four parts, keep at the forefront of your thinking the Foundations Text, NAEYC Developmentally Appropriate Practice document, NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct, and the Anti-bias Education Goals.

Part 1: How will I lay the foundation for quality learning environments for young children?

Discuss how you will implement these broad concepts:
• the rights of the child,
• the importance of an anti-bias perspective
• the importance of the code of ethics,
• the importance of early care and education
• the importance of understanding how children learn,
• the importance of creating safe, quality learning environments through observation, supervision, communication including listening.

Due: March 8, 2010

Part 2: What are my multiple roles as a professional ECE educator?

Discuss how you will implement these broad concepts:
• the multifaceted role of the ECE educator,
• the skills needed to model excellence including guidance,
• the importance of play and work for young children
• the legal and ethical responsibilities,
• the importance of collaboration with colleagues
• the importance of creating partnerships with parents/guardians.

Due: April 19, 2010

Part 3: How will I create quality, learning environments for young children?

Discuss how you will implement these broad concepts:
• the importance of the physical and social-emotional environments,
• the importance of understanding the three knowledge bases in designing curriculum and supporting all the children in your program,
• the importance of care giving as curriculum, the importance of the environment reflecting your philosophy,
• the importance of creating child-centered, equitable classrooms using a holistic approach to learning (incorporating the traditional curriculum topics: language, emergent literacy, math, science, art, music, social studies).

Due: May 10, 2010

Part 4: My Philosophy of Early Care & Education

Now write two-three paragraphs regarding your philosophy on the issues (Using Parts 1-3 to compose your philosophical beliefs).
• Assume that you are writing this philosophy statement as part of your professional portfolio.
• Write the paragraph in the first person format [i.e. I believe..... [This is the easiest way to keep the project focused on what you believe].
• Remember this is YOUR philosophy statement.

Due: May 10, 2010