Background:

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.

Purpose:

• This assignment will provide the foundation of knowledge by addressing several questions in-depth and exhibiting critical thinking for both Part I and Part II.
• This foundation of early childhood education practice will serve as the basis for a mandatory ten-point essay for Assessment #3 where you will state your professional ECE philosophy.

The Questions for Part I and Part II will Focus On:

• how to create quality, developmentally appropriate, child-centered and equitable environments for learning.

Part I (50 Points Total): Questions to Address:

1. Discuss the role of an Early Childhood professional. Look at all aspects of the role and including and going beyond your role with children. (25 points)
2. Discuss the importance of the field of early care and education in relation to how children learn. (25 points)

Part II (50 Points): Questions to Address:

1. Discuss how you would create a quality, developmentally appropriate, child-centered, and equitable environment for learning.
   a. Explore each of the areas identified above in terms of curriculum, environments, and interactions with adults & children.
   b. Discuss the importance of play as a major vehicle to creating is environment for learning.

Directions:

1. Content Information: The Philosophy Assignment is divided in two parts. Address the question as thoroughly as possible, using the knowledge gained from the text, class discussions, other course material, other CDES courses, observations at the Lab School and your own research.
2. Length: Show thorough discussion of each section demonstrating critical thinking. You do that and you know the length is right®. Remember to cite sources and use quotation marks when appropriate.
3. **Must be TYPED.**
   a. Grade will be based on thoroughness, completeness of thought, writing skills, etc.
   b. Needs to be in **YOUR OWN WORDS!**
   c. **Need to PROOF-READ!** [Recommend that you take your first draft to the Tutoring Center].
   d. Title Page:

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4. **No LATE Paper accepted!**

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.**
   - Be sure to check your % score. If it is over 25%, revise BEFORE submitting. PLAN AHEAD! There is a 24-hour turn around to get % results.

Part I: **Due, April 1st (first class after Spring Break)**
Part II: **Due, April 29th**
Philosophy Assignment Part I Grading Criteria

Name: ________________________________________    Points _____ (50)

General Criteria:
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_____ Provide in-depth discussion. Written using good essay format.
_____ Type Paper
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1. Discussion of the role of an Early Childhood professional. (25 points)

2. Discussion the importance of the field of early care and education in relation to how children learn. (25 points)
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Philosophy Assignment Part II Grading Criteria

Name: ________________________________________    Points _____ (50)

General Criteria:
_____ Cover Page
_____ Provide in-depth discussion. Written using good essay format.
_____ Type Paper
_____ Submit to Turnitin.com
_____ Submit Hard Copy to Instructor (on time)

1. Discussion of how you would create a quality, developmentally appropriate, child-centered, and equitable environment for learning.
   a. Explored each of the areas identified above in terms of curriculum, environments, and interactions with adults & children.
   b. Discussed the importance of play as a major vehicle to creating an environment for learning.