Course Syllabus: **CDEC 2441  The School Age Child**

**Course Description:** A study of appropriate programs for the school age child (5 to 13 years), including an overview of development, appropriate environments, materials, and activities and teaching/guidance techniques. R1, E1, M1

**Learning Outcomes:** Outline growth and development of the school age child; analyze components of quality school age programs and elements of appropriate indoor and outdoor environments. Provide developmentally appropriate material and activities and use developmentally appropriate teaching and guidance techniques.

The student will be able to:

- Describe issues, trends and services in school-age care
- Summarize school-age regulations
- Recognize criteria for high quality care
- Develop procedures for informal and formal communication with parents
- Implement school-age caregiving principles
- Plan flexible and well-balanced daily routines for school-age children
- Arrange appropriate indoor and outdoor environments
- Demonstrate appropriate guidance techniques
- Identify physical, cognitive, and social/emotional developmental characteristics of the school age child
- Select and use materials and activities that enhance school-age children’s development

**SCANS:**

The SCANS competencies identified by the Secretary’s Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills have been infused into this course. The SCANS were developed to close the gap between training and workplace know how. Specific competencies to be developed in this course include:

- C3 Application of Course Material
- C4 Developing Specific Skills
- C5 Acquires and evaluates Information
IDEA:

The IDEA System defines effective teaching in terms of progress on particular objectives. The following objectives will be emphasized in this course and their effectiveness will be formally evaluated by students during the semester:

- Learning to *apply* course material to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions
- Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course
- Acquiring skills in working with others as a member of a team

Students requesting disability accommodations or information are encouraged to contact the Student Services Office, Harvin Center, at 698-1298.

Textbook: *Caring for School-Age Children* 3rd ed, Phyllis Click, Del Mar Publishers, Inc.