

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES (ER)

ER 2155 Play and Learning in Early Childhood (4)

Focuses on the essential importance of play for young children's learning and development. Introduces key theories about the nature and purposes of play. Examines the developmental progression of play from birth through age 8, characteristics of play, and types of play. Explores environments, materials, and interactions that promote children's play. Considers threats to play and ways in which early childhood educators can be effective advocates for play. Students have opportunities to explore and play with materials in class as well as to observe and promote children's play in early childhood settings. (WECO)