STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
CANTON, NEW YORK

MASTER SYLLABUS

ECHD 121 - WELLNESS IN YOUNG CHILDREN:
PROMOTING HEALTH, SAFETY, NUTRITION

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A. **TITLE:** Wellness in Young Children: Promoting Health, Safety & Nutrition

B. **COURSE NUMBER:** ECHD 121

C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 lecture hours per week for 15 weeks

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE:** No

E. **GER CATEGORY:** None

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Spring

G. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**
In this course, students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary for ensuring the well-being of the young child. The course focuses on the role of the teacher in creating and incorporating health, safety, and nutrition programs and activities in early childhood settings to support children’s development, healthy lifestyle practices, and learning.

H. **PRE-REQUISITE:** None
**CO-REQUISITE:** None

I. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

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<th>PLO 3: Evaluate and demonstrate methods of developmental assessments pertaining to the growth stages and well-being of the child; including the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and language development of the young child</th>
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<td>a. Understand and apply state regulations and policies regarding health and safety issues in-group childcare settings.</td>
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<td>b. Define and apply the components of wellness and understand the early childhood educator’s role for ensuring the well-being of children.</td>
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<td>c. Understand the importance of health and safety in the Early Childhood Environment, for children, teachers, and families’ well-being.</td>
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<td>d. Gain knowledge of various agencies and resources available for promoting health, safety, and nutrition in the ECE classroom.</td>
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J. **APPLIED LEARNING COMPONENT:** Yes
   Classroom/Lab

K. **TEXT:**
   Stamford, CT: Cengage

L. **REFERENCE:**
   NY State Office of Children & Family Services Day Care Regulations
   access at: [http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/becs/daycare_regs.asp](http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/becs/daycare_regs.asp)

M. **EQUIPMENT:** University Supplied Equipment

N. **GRADING METHOD:** A-F

O. **MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:**
   - Assignments
   - Article and Website Reviews
   - Wellness Curriculum Projects
   - Quizzes
   - Final Exam

P. **DETAILED TOPICAL OUTLINE:**
I. Interrelationship of Health, Safety & Nutrition
   a. Defining the 8 Dimensions of Wellness:
      • Emotional
      • Physical
      • Social
      • Intellectual
      • Spiritual
      • Environmental
      • Occupations
      • Financial
   b. Implications for teachers
   c. Importance of family involvement
   d. Creating healthy lifestyle habits in young children
   e. Teacher’s role and responsibilities
   f. Bronfenbrenner’s Ecological Systems Theory

II. Health of the Young Child
   a. Promotion
   b. Assessment tools
   c. Conditions affecting children’s health
   d. The infectious process
   e. Communicable and acute illness
   f. Management and identification of illness/disease
   g. The Health Care Policy
   h. The Health Care Consultant

III. Safety for the Young Child
   a. Creating quality environments
   b. Safety management
   c. State rules and regulations
   d. Health inspections
   e. Recalls
   f. Child abuse, maltreatment, and neglect
   g. Planning for health and safety education

IV. Nutrition for the Young Child
   a. Nutritional guidelines
   b. The Food Pyramid
   c. Nutrients for energy
   d. Nutrients for growth of body tissues
   e. Nutrients for regulation
   f. Infant, Toddler, Preschool Feeding
   g. Planning & Serving Nutritional meals and snacks
   h. Food safety
   i. Nutritional Education