



Early Childhood Education News

Check out DegreeCheck!

For our new and returning students, RRCC has something new to share with you! A wonderful self help tool called Degree Check. This innovative automated advising tool allows students to quickly check their progress in a certificate or degree program or even shop for a new degree!

Students can access Degree Check by going into the portal, The Rock, click on the Student tab

and then click on Degree Check or the Degree Check logo.



The student's officially declared major/catalog year will automatically appear.

Students will appreciate how convenient Degree Check is to use for tracking progress in their coursework.

Watch for open advising sessions with Kathleen and Janiece later in November/December as we transition our advising to include using the Degree Check advising tool!

Directors! Do you need ECE111 before May, 2012?

The ECE dept is offering a 1 week intensive ECE111 course Jan. 3-6. Orientation is Saturday 12/3/11.

Dear Colleagues

Whew, Kathleen and I have survived the whirlwind visit by our NAEYC accreditation team earlier in October.

Thank you to all our faculty, community stakeholders and especially our students who participated in the interviews held by the team visi-

tors! We so appreciate all the support we received during the entire accreditation process.

Now we are focusing on new and other interesting things for our department including a special project involving making ECE resources ac-

cessible to our students and community!

Wishing you all a colorful fall!

Janiece & Kathleen

Dates to note:

Spring registration begins	11/7
ECE111 intensive orientation	12/3
Fall semester ends	12/13
ECE111 intensive class	1/3-6
Spring semester begins	1/23

A thought to ponder...

"The human brain is an amazing organ. It mediates all of our thoughts, feelings and behaviors. It allows us to create, share and hope. It allows us to communicate and connect, to teach and to learn. It allows us our humanity." Bruce D. Perry, MD

What's new for Spring semester?

My, how quickly the new semester is approaching us here at Red Rocks Community College!

The spring schedule is available on the RRCC.edu website now, just in time for registration beginning on November 7th.

So what is new for Spring semester? The ECE dept is preparing for the final round of required coursework (ECE111 Infant/Toddler Theory & Development; ECE260 The Exceptional Child) for Directors to meet the May, 2012 deadline.

We will again be offering our fast

track, one week intensive ECE111 class with Janiece (a preferred choice for those individuals with a minimum of time for taking a class!), two (2) on-line sections and our perennially favorite face to face /hybrid class with popular instructor, Sherry Peterson.

ECE260 will have two (2) sections also, Monday evenings or monthly on Saturdays.

In addition, we are happy to see Jan Leversee taking on the ECE188 Field Experience class again in the spring and Kathleen teaching a hybrid (combined on-

line and traditional class meeting times) ECE205 Nutritional, Health & Safety class in the spring.

For students wanting to fast track their EC teacher certificate, ECE101, 102 and ECE238 will all be offered on Wednesdays back to back.

Contact Janiece (janiece.knepe@rrcc.edu) or Kathleen (kathleen.devries@rrcc.edu) with questions about spring classes being offered.



Guest Lectures coming your way...

Two guest lecturers are coming to Colorado in November. These will be great opportunities for professional development!

Montessori Casa International is hosting **Dr. David Elkind** on Nov. 2nd at the Tivoli, 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, 80204. Dr. Elkind will be sharing information on how the fight for age appropriate education has been waged in

different times and places by some of the greatest minds in education. Registration is \$50. Contact MCI at pb@mcidenver.edu or call 303-523-7590.

The Marisco Institute for Early Learning and Literacy is presenting **Nell K. Duke**, from the Univ. of Michigan, on Nov. 9 at Univ. of Denver's Friitz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management. Dr. Duke

will lecture on promoting literacy in children birth-age 5. Cost: Free, but participants must register at:

https://udenver.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_e3r73ZivbwOguzi

Staying Connected to our Profession

Following are some interesting links to stay connected with our ECE Profession.

National Head Start Associate produced this lovely video narrated by Maria Schriver:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_profilepage&v=J0g4Fu47Vps

Read more about Colorado's proposal for Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant funding:

<http://earlychildhoodcolorado.org/inc/uploads/ColoradoRTT-ELCAApplicationFINAL.pdf>



Stay in touch with the Early Childhood Leadership Commission based out of Lt. Gov. J. Garcia's office:

http://earlychildhoodcolorado.org/state_initiatives/leadership.cfm