

ECE 4335: Acquisition of Language and Literacy Skills in One or More Languages

3 Credit Hours

Corequisite: ECE 4345, ECE 4355, ECE 4336

Students will be introduced to classified vocabulary and the presentation of the nomenclatures of Biology, Geography, Zoology, History, and the Arts that enrich and extend children's oral language skills. Students will be introduced to research-based key words, cursive sandpaper letters and movable alphabets help children develop phonemic awareness and achieve sound-symbol associations. Candidates will present writing activities that lead children to discovery reading spontaneously. Candidates will learn to apply the principles of second language acquisition research to the instruction of English language learners.

ECE 4336: The Competent Manufacture and Presentation of Language Materials

3 Credit Hours

Corequisite: ECE 4335, ECE 4345, ECE 4355

Students will manufacture and practice presenting the many research-based language materials designed for use in offering developmentally appropriate language arts presentations and activities to 3-5 year old children. These materials are not available from Montessori suppliers, so each teacher prepares 70 selected materials for his/her own classroom. Students practice with the materials to develop and refine the skills they need to give language presentations to young children effectively.

ECE 4345: Preparing the Mathematical Mind of the Young Child

3 Credit Hours

Corequisite: ECE 4335, ECE 4336, ECE 4355

Research-based materials and teaching/learning strategies are used to present numeration and mathematics to young children. Candidates will learn to present linear counting, the four operations and tables, cumulative and squaring operations, binomial addition, and the multiplication of polynomials to young children. Memorization materials are presented with which to review and enhance the recall of known number facts.