

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

SPECIAL NOTE:

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore> for the required texts for this class.

<u>COURSE NUMBER:</u>	EDUC 120
<u>COURSE TITLE:</u>	CREATING POSITIVE SETTINGS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
<u>SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS:</u>	1
<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	Education
<u>DIVISION:</u>	Career Technical Education
<u>PREREQUISITE:</u>	None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is an online course offered by Kansas Children's Service League in cooperation with SRS and KDHE has developed this course, and it is only available online. Participants in this training will understand how children's "mental health" is affected by life events, culture, environment, biology, and relationships and that these aspects serve as roads to understanding the impact that room arrangements, labels and comfortable settings have on children and caregivers. Finally, participants will learn strategies for working with families to create a healthy atmosphere for children by using a method of knowing, informing, discussing with, and supporting families, trying everything together to create positive settings for children and families in child care. This course is instructor-led and interactive through discussions and assignments in course discussion boards.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Create safe and nurturing learning environments and learn strategies for working with families to create a healthy atmosphere for children.

- Define "mental health" and describe how mental health affects children, families and staff.
 - Measured by: Discussion Board Session 2 Assignment (Mirror, Mirror)
- Identify the four steps to partnering with parents and be able to list benefits for building strong relationships with families.

- Measured by: Discussion Board Session 3 Assignments (Reasons to Inform, Resources for Families).
- Identify three methods for improving child care environments and recognize the value and impact of labeling materials.
 - Measured by: Discussion board Session 4 Assignment (Your Environment, Action Plan).
- Share ideas for creating comfortable, inviting spaces for children by evaluating their own program.
 - Measured by: Discussion board Session 4 Assignment (Your Environment).