



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

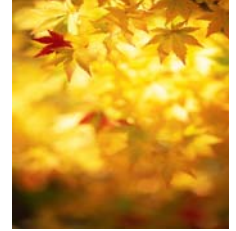


STRONG FOUNDATIONS...BRIGHT FUTURES!

REGISTRATION 2009

Spring registration begins **Monday, November 10, 2008**
Register early to get the classes you want!
Go to <http://www.accd.edu/sac> for schedule of classes. See page 2.

Fall 2008



Exciting News In The Department!

The NAEYC AAS Degree Accreditation Evaluation Team will visit our department Oct. 20-22. If all goes as planned, we will become the first community college Early Childhood Studies department in the state of Texas to earn the prestigious AAS degree certification!

New Leadership has emerged in our department as a result of our NAEYC accreditation self-study. We now have a *shared leadership* model.

This means we have a department chairperson, Dr. Ellen Marshall, and a co-chair, Ms. Ana DeHoyos-O'Connor. Dr. Marshall handles all the on-campus administrative duties, and Ms. O'Connor is our all-important community liaison. Fortunately, Mr. Steve Jensen is still with us and is teaching full-time.

Our new and improved **sequence of lab** experiences is now being implemented. We worked diligently to reformat the hands-on experiences with children so that you have the best field trainings possible. Information will be distributed during our group advising sessions and can also be found on the department website, www.accd.edu/sac/ecs.

Administration Certificate Update...
We are continuing to work toward breathing new life into this program. Many of you have experienced frustration due to cancellation of administration specific classes. We are currently working on alternative methods for course delivery.

A New Course, **Observation and Assessment, CDEC 1323**, will be offered for the very first time during the spring semester. This is a great opportunity to explore a very timely and important topic. With the current emphasis on accountability and tracking children's progress, we want to make sure that you know how to observe, assess, and document appropriately! CDEC 1323.100, taught by Ms. Sandy Enders, will be offered as a Monday/Wednesday class from 12:15-1:30 p.m. For those of you in a 2008-2009 AAS degree plan, this course is required. Be the first to enroll in this exciting new class!

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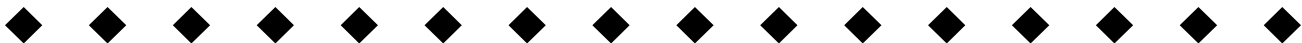




Attention Directors:

Host a College Class in Your Neighbor-HOOD!

Child Care Program Directors...are there other centers in your area who would like to collaborate? Maybe you have enough teachers between you for us to bring a class to your location. With the price of gas, we certainly understand the obstacles to getting to campus. We'll host an initial meeting to talk about this on Friday November 21 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. RSVP by calling Ms. Norma Padilla at 733-2410 OR by emailing her at npadilla@mail.accd.edu



GROUP ADVISING DATES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES STUDENTS

DAY	TIME	PLACE
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008	5:30pm - 6:15pm	ECSB 200
Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008	5:30pm - 6:15pm	ECSB 200
Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008	12:00pm – 1:00pm	ECSB 209
Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 (revised 10.23.08)	9:30 am – 10:15am Portfolio Workshop (10:30am-11:30am)	ECSB 200

REMINDER:
**CHILDREN
ARE NOT PER-
MITTED IN THE
ADVISING SES-
SIONS, SO
PLEASE MAKE
OTHER AR-
RANGEMENTS.**

MISSED GROUP ADVISING?

If you miss a group advising session, you will have to wait until January 2009, to be advised. This advising is on a first come, first-served basis. Plan NOW to make arrangements to be able to attend one of these sessions.

WARNING: CLASSES FILL UP FAST AND IF YOU WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FIND THE OPENINGS IN THE SPRING CLASSES YOU WANT OR NEED! BRING TRANSCRIPTS AND DEGREE PLANS WITH YOU.

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New Slogans to publicize our department have been selected. Some of you may remember last spring we had a contest to elicit suggestions from students, faculty, and staff for catchy slogans that represent our department.

We've selected two:

- Our professional slogan is:

Strong Foundations...Bright Futures!

Thanks to student **Ms. Anya Maraj** for this suggestion!

- Our whimsical slogan which we will also use is: *Everything's Good in the Early Child HOOD!*

Thanks to student **Tommy Vasquez** for this suggestion!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANYA AND
TOMMY FOR THEIR CREATIVE IDEAS!**



SAC Goes Green!

Thanks to a dedicated group of SAC faculty and staff (including our own Ms. Sandy Enders) our campus is working toward improving the environment. All buildings now contain the large green containers where paper and magazines can be discarded for recycling. This is just the first step. For more exciting information go to the campus GREEN website at http://www.accd.edu/sac/green_sac/html/green.htm.

You'll find terrific information and links.

In the meantime, be sure to take advantage of the large green totes in our building!

PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP FOR AAS STUDENTS!

What is a Professional Portfolio?

Need to know more about this AAS degree requirement?

The portfolio is part of the capstone requirement of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

On **Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 10:30am-11:30am**, we will hold an Introduction to Portfolio Workshop in the Early Childhood Studies Building (210 W. Ashby). Portfolio development occurs in CDEC 2280.



INTERNET COURSES

We will again have Internet course offerings for **Spring 2009**.

These fill up quickly.

Check the spring class schedule for specific classes.

Access your readiness skills by going to the Internet Skills Center website at: www.accd.edu/sac/online/htm/isc/module1.htm. You'll find information about the READI Self Evaluation.

Please do not register for these courses unless you have computer and Internet skills.



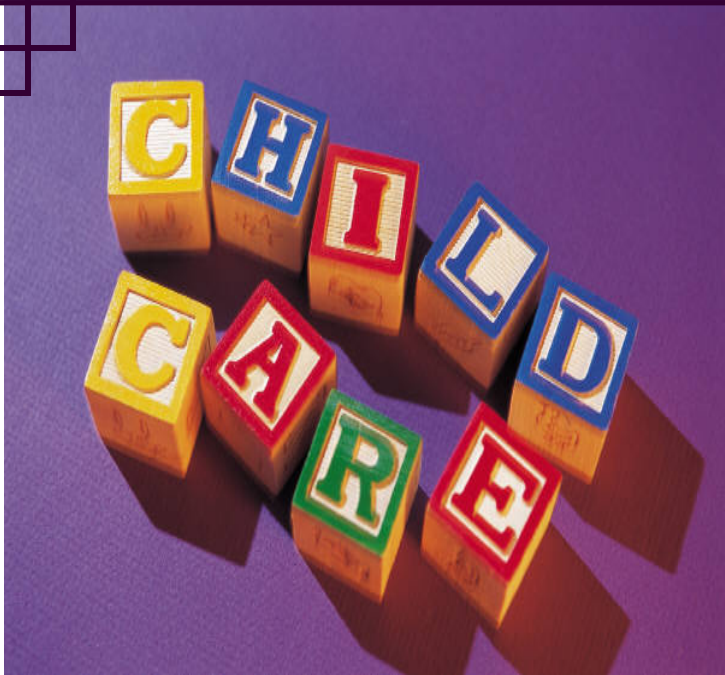
GRADUATION 2009



Graduation applications for certificates or AAS are due by February 1, 2009.

Applications are available in the department or on-line at www.accd.edu/sac/admrec/graduation.htm.

**Everything's Good in
the Early Child HOOD!**



***DO YOU NEED HELP
PAYING FOR CHILDCARE?***

**CHILD CARE SERVICES (CCS)
CAN HELP!**

If you are a parent or legal guardian who needs childcare in order to continue working, going to school/college or are enrolled in a training program and your household's gross income is within the set guidelines, you may be eligible for assistance from the Child Care Services (CCS) Program.

For assistance and information on Child Care Services in your area:

If you live in Bexar County call: 1-800-242-1093 (210/246-5240)

~ OR ~

If you live in one of the **Rural Counties** of Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson

Call: 1-800-204-7905 (210/362-5566)



Information about Grants/Scholarships

New students wanting to begin Early Child Studies classes in Spring 2009 should start now by completing the web based admission form (www.applytexas.org).

If you are planning to apply for financial assistance such as the Pell Grant, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or contact SAC Financial Services at 210-733-2150.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Department of Early Childhood Studies is to:

- ◆ **Prepare early childhood professionals**
- ◆ **Provide quality experiences**
- ◆ **Advocate for children and families**
- ◆ **Respond to community needs**

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