OASIS Program

EARLY CHILDHOOD

PLAN OF STUDY

ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE OPTION

FALL SEMESTER

Early Childhood Practicum I
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Early Childhood Seminar I
This seminar will introduce students to the foundations of early childhood development. It will focus on the promotion and maintenance of physical activity, health, safety and nutrition for young children. It will provide an overview of the basic principles and best practices in these areas from birth to age nine.

Elective Course
Students choose from traditional courses offered at Mercyhurst North East. These will be based on the individualized program designed for each student.

Tutorial—Employment Skill Development I
Students will focus on employment-related skill development for independent living. This includes development of income budgets, long- and short-term goal setting, and developing an understanding of time cards, health insurance, income and taxes, and earning statements.

SPRING SEMESTER

Early Childhood Practicum II
Practicum II is an opportunity to build on the experiences from Practicum I, particularly to further understandings about classroom teaching and your professional role. OASIS students will explore how teachers make particular decisions and implement self-designed lesson plans.

Early Childhood Seminar II
This seminar will expand on the foundation taught during the Fall Semester. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to recognize and support the importance of language and literacy acquisition from birth through the early primary grades, with focus on the development of the skills such as speaking, listening, writing, reading and viewing, essential components of literacy. Students will use several checklists to evaluate children’s speech and language learning and conduct appropriate literacy assessments on children and programs.

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Tutorial—Employment Skills Development II
Students will focus on employment-related skill development for independent living. This includes developing an understanding of W4 and W2 forms and career, work and business development. Skill fluency and problem solving are addressed. Additional focus will be on obtaining employment with regard to resume building, career planning, exploration and preparation.

SUMMER SEMESTER

Internship
Students receive training and on-the-job learning through an internship coordinated and supervised by OASIS Program staff and organizations in the community.
TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE OPTION

FALL SEMESTER YEAR ONE

Introduction to Mercyhurst
This course is designed to provide students with resources and information that are critical for success in higher education.

Critical and Eval. Reading
This course builds the critical thinking skills necessary for reading expository texts. Students will practice active approaches to reading and note taking, and develop skills in summarizing, analyzing and evaluating argumentative writing.

Computer Applications
This introductory computer course provides students with a working knowledge of computer terminology and the computer itself. Topics include Microsoft Office 2013 Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint, and their applications in business.

Tutorial—Life Skill Development I
Students will focus upon the development of independent living skills such as successful study and organization skills, emotional regulation skills, self-advocacy, problem solving, independent living skills, first aid and community safety, and healthy human sexuality skills.

SPRING SEMESTER YEAR ONE

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Tutorial—Life Skill Development II
Students will focus on developing independent living skills such as transportation and safety, shopping, cooking and household management, and banking and savings skills.

SUMMER SEMESTER YEAR ONE

Job Shadowing (Optional)
Students will explore a variety of employment positions offered with different organizations, allowing them to experience typical position requirements addressed by OASIS certificate programs.

FALL SEMESTER YEAR TWO

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