

ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY

NEW ENGLAND

A Program Series in Nature-Based Early Childhood Education



SPRING 2018

Business Planning for NBEC Programs

EDP 5600

2 credits

January 8–12, 2018

9:00 am–5:00 pm

Rachel Larimore

Starting a nature-based early childhood program requires business savvy and financial planning. This course will address the nitty-gritty planning necessary to get a program up and running. We'll focus on the creation of business plans, including simple market analyses, promotion, site and facility needs, staffing requirements and options, the crucial income and expense projections, fundraising options and basic risk management issues. Participants will draft a three-year budget for their operation, rough out a promotional flyer and/or website, and prepare and practice persuasive verbal descriptions and "sales pitches" for their school. We'll allocate plenty of time to share your own experiences and ideas.

Working with Parents and Community

EDP 5580

1 credit

April 7–8, 2018

9:00 am–5:00 pm

Ellen Doris

Nature preschools and forest kindergartens are special kinds of places, different from conventional early childhood programs. Parents, caretakers and community members who may not be familiar with the aims and practices of nature-based programs, can benefit from education. Families may need to be prepared to provide appropriate outdoor clothing, do regular tick checks, and think about children's learning in new ways. They may also be called on to volunteer in the school and to help with promotion and fundraising. We'll consider how to partner with families to forge links to the wider community. Communication is central to our work: we'll hone our skills as we participate in mock parent conferences, examine and create materials that describe programs to families, and practice working with parents who have questions or concerns.

We'll spend time outdoors each day, walking in fields and woods. Bring clothing and footwear that will keep you dry and comfortable.

OTHER POTENTIAL ELECTIVES:

Handwork in Waldorf Schools

EDNC 0110

0-1 credit*

March 17, April 14
& April 28

9:00 am–4:00 pm

Elizabeth Auer
and Glynn Graham

In the Waldorf curriculum the work of the hand not only produces beautiful and useful objects and fosters manual or will intelligence, but also supports cognitive and emotional intelligence as well. Students will do projects in knitting, crocheting, sewing and other handwork activities.

**This course is not offered for credit, although it could be credited through Advanced Studies.)*

SUMMER 2018

NBEC REQUIRED COURSES:

EDP 5620

Risk Management for Nature-Based
Early Childhood Education 2 credits

May 14–18, 2018

9:00–5:00

Anne Stires
ME

held in Alna,
ME

EDC 5090

Nature-based Early Childhood
Curriculum 2 credits

July 9–13, 2018

9:00–5:00

Eliza Minnucci

FALL 2018

NBEC ELECTIVES:

EDC 5030

1 credit

Natural History for Early Childhood

September 15 & 16, 2018

9:00–5:00

David Sobel & Ellen Doris

EDP 5100

1 credit

Landscape Analysis and Design for
Nature Play

October 13 & 14, 2018

9:00–5:00

Nancy Striniste

EDC 6650

1 credit

Movement and Storytelling in the Early
Childhood Classroom

November 17 & 18, 2018

9:00–5:00

Carla Comey



For more information on the Nature-Based Early Childhood Certificate Program and Education Department Masters programs, contact Ellen Keech in the Admissions Office at 800-552-8380, or email: admissions.ane@antioch.edu.
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