

# NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President

July 16, 2008

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Presidents Superintendents, Principals

Chief Academic Officers Career and Technical Education Directors

Registrars College Tech Prep Coordinators

FROM: Delores A. Parker

Senior Vice President Chief Academic Officer

Rebecca B. Payne State Director

Career and Technical Education

SUBJECT: Revised Articulation Agreement – Early Childhood Education

### **Background:**

Changes were made to both the high school and community college curricula since the development of the 2005 High School to Community College Articulation Agreement. In order to maintain the Agreement's intent to remain current through necessary modification, faculty and administrators from high schools and community colleges have reviewed North Carolina's Early Childhood Education curricula.

The community college courses, EDU 111 Early Childhood Credential I and EDU 112 Early Childhood Credential II, are being retired from the Combined Course Library in December 2008. Additionally, the high school Early Childhood I and II courses have undergone modifications and updates to align with current industry practices and with the revision of Bloom's Taxonomy of Educational Objectives. These modifications will be implemented in two phases. The high school Early Childhood Education revised curriculum, including blueprints, instructional activities, resources, and assessments will begin implementation during the 2008-2009 school year for Early Childhood Education I and during the 2009-2010 for Early Childhood Education II.

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EDU 111 and Early Childhood Education I and EDU 112 and Early Childhood Education II were listed as articulated courses in the 2005 High School to Community College Articulation Agreement.

#### **Action:**

With the archival of the previously articulated college courses, high school and community college faculty have met and determined that the two revised courses *Early Childhood Education I and II* (7111 ver. 2008 and 7112 ver. 2009) are equivalent in content and competency to the community college course EDU 119, *Introduction to Early Childhood Education*.

The revised Early Childhood Education High School curriculum will begin implementation during the 2008-2009 school year. At this time, Early Childhood Education I & II (7111 ver. 2000 and 7112 ver. 2002), will include an additional competency regarding the history of early childhood education (from the 7111 curriculum, version 2008). With this revision, Early Childhood Education I & II will be considered equivalent to EDU 119 *Introduction to Early Childhood Education*. Therefore, high school students successfully completing the revised Early Childhood Education I and II courses, with the grade of B or higher and standardized VoCATS post-assessment raw score of 80 or above, meet sufficient competencies to be awarded articulated college credit for EDU 119 *Introduction to Early Childhood Education*.

After review by community college academic deans during the spring semester of 2008, all concerns have been addressed and the committee recommendation has been reaffirmed.

DAP/dm Attachment

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North Carolina High School to Community College Articulation Agreement  - Amendment 7.14.08		
High School Course Number – Title		Community College Course Number – Title
7111 Early Childhood Education I Version: 2000 7112 Early Childhood Education II Version: 2002 (With History Competency from 7111 version 2008)	Articulates to	EDU 119 – Introduction to Early Childhood Education
(Must complete courses with grade of B or above and VOCATS postassessment raw score of 80 or above.)		

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Applies to students completing the high school ECE program in School year 2009-2010 and beyond

# **Effective Date:**

August 2008

# **Questions:**

Please contact Bob Witchger at the North Carolina Community College System office at 919-807-7126 or Ted Summey at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction at (919) 807-3870 regarding questions about this agreement.