



Student Learning Outcome Assessment

Early Childhood Education
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“Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.”

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

1. What did you like about this program?

Text Response

Great advisors! Very hands on program.

There was a lot of group activities and labs that made it easier to learn

Hands on experience, good curriculum, teachers, friendly, good amount of work. Not overwhelming.

The program was great and it was hands-on. The teachers were great and I made a lot of new friends.

I really enjoyed the hands on activities that children would do and the learning materials we had to make in classes. It gave me a lot of great ideas

I liked the hands-on learning

The hands on experience and guidance I received.

I could not have asked for better program teachers. They have truly instilled me with the knowledge I feel that is needed to be the possible teacher I can be. They provided us with many hands-on opportunities and used a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of the students.

It was very hands on and I learned a lot of good information that is important for my future. I liked all the hands on projects we did and the learning materials we made, and both will be useful in my future.

His program is really hands on and it gets you involved. You learn a bit about yourself and what you look for in child care

Statistic

Value

Total Responses

10

2. What would you change about this program?

Text Response

All projects and homework seemed to be piled on all at once

Learn more about Youngstar, cefels, licensing. Important things we need to learn when heading out into a center.

I think the program is great nothing to change.

I don't like how this last semester we didn't do any hands on activities. It was all just assignments and I felt very overwhelmed. Usually I enjoy the program classes because it's my interest but this last semester I felt like it was dragging and couldn't wait for it to be over.

The schedule and the amount of practicum hours. It's a lot of time, plus if your trying to make a living, work is hard to do when you spend almost all day in class

I think there was a lot of wasted time in this program.

More practicum time in the first semester.

I feel like the amount of hours for a practicum are a little extensive for working students

We had to make a lot of projects in binder format.

Not a thing

class time is used effectively projects contribute to my learning

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11

CORE ABILITIES

3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	0	0	2	5	6	13

4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Text Response

I have learned numerous ways of effective communication while being in this program. Get down on children's level and when talking with adults be sure to listen and respond. I learned how to communicate with children and teach them how to communicate effectively as well. Learned about communicating with families
 Carla Swerman taught me a lot and has made a positive impact on my writing.
 I have learned these skills through program group projects and general classes

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	0	0	6	5	2	13

6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

Text Response

I learned Budgeting concepts.

Barba Stanke was amazing at taking extra time to help make sure her students understood the material presented in class

I had one math class at western but nothing from my program

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	0	0	5	5	3	13

8. Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Text Response

N/A

I made arguments in ethics class that had me put theories into practice.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	0	1	1	5	6	13

10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Text Response

Think about, why are we doing this activity? How does it help the child? Is there something else that would be more effective?

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	0	2	3	5	3	13

12. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

Text Response

I knew more about technology before this program. But I didn't enter this program to learn about technology, I entered it to learn about children.
Used the computer a lot

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	0	1	1	3	8	13

14. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

Text Response
 Gained a lot of confidence from my experiences.
 Our program teachers did a wonderful job with instilling this into our practices

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	0	0	2	6	5	13

16. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
apply child development theory to practice.	0	0	0	4	9	13

18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Learned so much about this subject!
Foundation taught me a lot about all of the different theories out there and they did a good job at incorporating all the theories in each of our classes

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
cultivate relationships with children, family, and the community.	0	0	0	4	9	13

20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Through practices this was a great experience.
It really helped going to centers, schools, and or in home centers for Practicum. I was able to come out of my shell and communicate more with staff, parents, and children.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
assess child growth and development.	0	0	0	4	9	13

22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Observations

I have a good understanding of the stages children should be at certain ages

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
use best practices in teaching and learning.	0	0	0	4	9	13

24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Practicum

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
demonstrate professionalism.	0	0	1	3	9	13

26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Always when around children and making yourself look professional around teachers and families

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
integrate health, safety, and nutrition practices.	0	0	0	5	8	13

28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

CONCLUSION

29. Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Text Response

I would recommend this to anyone who wants to pursue a degree with children. I enjoyed this program and took a lot out from it.

The idea behind this program is good. The real-life application is much less realistic. You don't even need a college degree to work in child care. We also spend a lot of money for supplies and everything else for classes and practicum. I think if this offered more toward a real teaching degree it would be better.

Had a great hands on experience. Lots of projects!

I am thankful for the opportunities Western has offered me. I am so thankful for the instructors and the knowledge they have taught me throughout the program. They have went above and beyond!

Good experience

great teachers they give great feedback and help you along the way. Positive! Love the program and the school that I attended. Great experience.

class time was not used effectively didnt seem like she had enough stuff to fill the class time.

Projects seemed to just fill assignments and didnt seem to add to my learning

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	7