

## Edec 701: Outdoor Education, Nature & Young Childr

This doctoral course will equip students with the knowledge and research skills necessary to transform outdoor spaces into dynamic, research- informed learning environments that foster children's holistic development through nature-based experiences. Students will critically engage with theoretical frameworks and current research on outdoor education, investigating its benefits, challenges, and potential for innovation. Emphasis will be placed on developing a research proposal for a potential publication. Through the course, students will explore strategies for designing and implementing evidence-based outdoor learning activities, aligned with developmental theories and educational goals, that complement indoor curricula. They will also examine the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical impacts of nature-based education on young children and explore ways to advocate for and implement these practices in diverse educational settings.

## 3 Credits Instruction Type(s)

• Lecture: Lecture for Edec 701

## **Subject Areas**

• Early Childhood Education and Teaching

## **Related Areas**

- Elementary Education and Teaching
- Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education and Teaching
- Kindergarten/PreSchool Education and Teaching
- Pre-Elem/Erly Childhd/KG. Teach Educ
- Secondary Education and Teaching
- Teacher Education and Professional Development, Specific Levels and Methods, Other
- <u>Teacher Education, Multiple Levels</u>

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