

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** CHD 145

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children

**Course Description:** Focuses on children's exploration, play, and creative expression in the areas of art, music, and movement. Emphasis will be on developing strategies for using various open-ended media representing a range of approaches in creative thinking. Addresses strategies for intervention and support for exceptional children and English Language Learners. Lecture 2 hours. Laboratory 2 hours. Total 4 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** To prepare the student to provide for the development of children's creativity in art, music, and movement using materials and activities which promote thinking and exploration of materials and concepts.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:** none

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Describe the developmental characteristics of young children as they relate to the areas of art, music, and movement;
- b. Create age and stage appropriate learning experiences for children in the areas of art, movement, and music;
- c. Demonstrate techniques for differentiated instruction and process learning in the areas of art, music, and movement;
- d. Explain the importance of culturally diverse activities in the areas of art, music, and movement;
- e. Demonstrate techniques for adapting art, music, and movement instruction for children with special needs;
- f. Provide rationale and employ techniques for ongoing assessment in art, music, and movement activities with children; and
- g. Identify and apply learning standards as they relate to art, music, and movement: the Virginia Foundation Blocks, the Child Development Milestones, the Virginia Standards of Learning, and Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Play, development, and creativity
- b. Developmental levels of art, music, and movement
- c. Creative environments
- d. Communicating with families
- e. Varieties of media appropriate for young children

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** June 2, 2016