



SIR ARTHUR LEWIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC YEAR (2024/2025) – SEMESTER TWO
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE : EDU138
COURSE TITLE : Professional Practice 1
LECTURER(S) : Zephirina Lansiquot
DATE : 7th May, 2025
TIME : 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
DURATION : 2 hours
STUDENT ID # : _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Students must sign **IN** and **OUT** on the examination class list.
- Write your ID number on the question paper.
- This paper has eight (8) questions. You are to answer any four (4) questions.
- Please be as succinct as possible and provide only relevant information in your answers. You will be graded on content as well as grammar and expression.
- You will answer the questions on the paper provided. Please answer each question on a new page.
- Each question is worth 20 marks.

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Question 1:

Identify the primary Early Childhood customer. State three basic needs of that client. For each stated need, provide a detailed explanation of how an early childhood professional can effectively address and fulfill this need.

Question 2:

Construct a well-reasoned argument to support the need for the following ECD operational instruments as they relate to practitioners. Ensure that your argument demonstrates a clear understanding of its purpose and impact on professional practice.

- (i) Policy
- (ii) Standards /Operational guidelines
- (iii) Code of Ethics
- (iv) Curriculum
- (v) Teacher /Employee Appraisals

Question 3:

State three (3) essential characteristics that every ECD professional should possess. For each characteristic provide a detailed justification and offer clear examples to illustrate its application.

Question 4:

Describe one (1) ethical situation you have encountered within an early childhood centre. Explain why you consider it an ethical situation and give a practical solution for addressing it. Is there anything that the NAEYC Code of ethics stipulates that could help you to deal more effectively with this ethical issue you encounter in your work?

Question 5

Develop a well-supported argument regarding the need for a code of ethics for St. Lucian ECD practitioners. Draw upon your experience with and your knowledge of the NAEYC Code of ethics to rationalize and justify your position.

Question 6:

Select two ethical principles that are highly related to your work in early childhood education. Provide the best justification of these principles demonstrating a clear understanding of their practical application and ethical significance.

Question 7:

Discuss the concept of “RESPONSIBILITY” as it relates to ethics within the field of early childhood education. Explain how it applies to your role as an early childhood educator including practical examples.

Question 8:

Choose any one of the following dilemmas and provide a step by step explanation of how you would address the situation in a professional and ethical manner.

- (i) You have a large and very aggressive child in your group who often frightens and hurts other children. You are spending so much time dealing with this child that the other children are not getting the attention they need.
- (ii) You learn that your country's regulations limit group size to 10 for 2-year-olds. Seventeen children have been assigned to your group.
- (iii) Your co-teacher sometimes leaves you alone with the children during the program day while she leaves the center to conduct personal business.
- (iv) Parents are questioning the play-based curriculum in your 4-year-old program. They want assurance that their children will be ready for kindergarten.