

New degree program teaches art of teaching

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The new Associate of Applied Sciences degree for Early Childhood and Family Studies will allow one year certificate students to continue at Clackamas to get the degree.

"The students were going to PCC and Mt. Hood to finish up [their degree], now they can stay here," said Department Head Dr. Patricia McIlveen. "[It] will be in place as of the Fall Term."

The new Early Childhood Education and Family Studies program will expand upon the already existing one-year program. The second year will implement five new classes, as well as restructure existing ECE and ED courses.

Students will take more teaching and education courses in the second year. These courses are designed to allow students to understand child growth up through the third grade.

"They would be able to get in-charge positions in preschools and child development centers," McIlveen said.

The degree will provide graduates a wider range of job options.

"[It will] qualify students to be teaching assistants at elementary schools," said McIlveen.

"It will improve the care and education that our youngest citizens receive."

"Twenty-five years of research points to the fact that, the more education the provider gets, the higher quality education the child gets," McIlveen explained.

The main strengths of the program are its hands-on experience and practicum courses, where students work in preschools, day cares, and other early development programs.

When asked about internships and practicum courses leading to job opportunities for students, McIlveen said "It's very possible."

The program is practical for students who are considering working with children up to eight years of age. Students who wish to become teachers might find the program reveals whether or not they can truly handle children, as the first and second years provide vital hands-on experience.

The first year requires the students to complete 52 credits. The second year requires 41 to 42 more credits. To get the AAS, a total of 92 to 94 credits are required.

The program comes from McIlveen's desire to raise the level of education for "our youngest citizens [and] the students were asking for it!"



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Dr. Patricia McIlveen heads the new Early Childhood Education and Family Studies program. According to McIlveen the program will help give students a feel about whether teaching is the right field for them.

CAMPUS SAFETY



All reports are taken from CCC's campus safety incident logs. Summaries are edited for clarity, not content.

2-1-06
10:05 a.m.
Student reported vehicle break-in in Barlow lot on 1/31/06.

12:26 p.m.
Student reported minor non-injury accident in Barlow lot.

4:50 p.m.
Report of keys hanging from vehicle door. Returned to owner.

2-2-06
2:36 p.m.
Contact white female juvenile. Minor in possession of tobacco.

4:05 p.m.
Grey jeep parked in yellow zone.

5:05 p.m.
Staff/student called in about a suspicious person pacing in the Community Center. Officer made contact with reporting student and suspicious person. White male adult seemed to be coherent, non-CCC student waiting for bus.

5:20 p.m.
Watched suspicious person until he got on bus.

7:40 p.m.
White Subaru wagon parked in handicapped space. No visible permit.

2-3-06
12:42 p.m.
Reported student causing a disturbance.

2:03 p.m.
Student reported theft of stereo equipment from vehicle parked in Barlow lot. No suspects.

2-4-06
5:11 p.m.
Auto break-in. McLoughlin lot.

9:40 p.m.
Speak to drivers in McLoughlin lot. Request to slow to safe speed.

11:30 p.m.
Speak to other drivers in McLoughlin lot. Request to slow down to safe speed.

2-5-06
8:31 a.m.
Pauling - staff locked keys inside.

11:30 p.m.
Niemeyer Center - Found a green Saturn on sidewalk backed to door loading computer monitor and equipment. Found to be teacher and student loading personal equipment after a late practice.

CAMPUS EVENTS & NEWS

It's Black History Month and the Black Student Union is holding a Black History Challenge. The challenge questions are posted throughout the campus. There are prizes. The challenge is open to everyone on campus. For more information call Lupe at 503-657-6958 ext. 2717 or Kristin at ext. 5208.

CCC Scholarship Workshops. These workshops will cover the CCC scholarship application procedure. Workshops will be held on Feb. 14, 21, 28, and March 7. Please contact Chippi Bello at 503-657-6958 ext. 2373 for more information.

The Iron & Steel art exhibit in the Niemeyer Center is showing in the Alexander Gallery. The exhibit features the works of eight regional metal sculptors and will run through Feb. 23. It is open Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. See a broadcast news story on the opening reception by The Print Online, <http://www2.clackamas.edu/theprint>.

The Classified Association is collecting food to benefit the Oregon Food Bank. Collection barrels will be around campus until March 7.

This month's free e-book will teach you how to beat the stock market into submission. Contact Terry Mackey at 503-657-6958, ext. 2289 for more information.

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