EDEL 4325 Trends & Issues in Early Childhood Education. Three semester hours.

This course provides a critical examination of current issues affecting the education and development of young children with a goal of fostering students’ global perspectives on early childhood education. The topics will include contemporary models of early childhood education, political, educational, and economic policies that shape practices in early childhood education, etc. Prerequisite: PSYC 2314, Admitted to and in good standing in the College of Education.

Justification:
This course is a required course in a sequence of four courses designed to provide teacher candidates in the new elementary education program (EC-6) added expertise for teaching in prekindergarten and the primary grades in elementary schools.

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1. Students identify and describe major issues and trends merging in the field of early childhood education.
2. Students use research skills to review and analyze the issues that currently have significant influence in the field of early childhood education.
3. Students describe the social, political and professional forces that affect early childhood education programs and practices.

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