

**ECE 236, Distance Education**  
**UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
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**ECE 236** is now online; all coursework (discussions, assignments, exams) will be completed outside of a classroom and submitted online. There are no face-to-face class meetings. Keep in mind that this course will require as much time as a traditional course, but you will find more flexibility.

**Office hours & Virtual office hours**

- When the semester starts, I am available by e-mail (using the Blackboard email tool) to answer questions or address any concerns. I will make every attempt to respond within 24 hours Monday-Friday.
- Use [vroof@cuesta.edu](mailto:vroof@cuesta.edu) if you need to contact me prior to the start of class. When the course begins (day one of the semester), email me using the Blackboard email tool.
- Always write **ECE 236 DE** on the subject line of your emails.
- If there is an emergency, you may leave a message with Human Development @ (805) 546-3263.

**Required Textbooks:**

Allen, K. Eileen and Cowdery, Glynnis E. "The Exceptional Child: Inclusion in Early Childhood Education 6<sup>th</sup> Edition." Clifton Park, NY: Thomson Delmar Learning, 2008.

Weekly chapter readings are required.

Gould, Patti & Sullivan, Joyce. "The Inclusive Early Childhood Classroom: Easy Ways to Adapt Learning Centers for all Children." Beltsville, Maryland: Gryphon House, 1999.

**Access to the Course:**

- You can log into the course on the first day of the semester. You can NOT access the course before the semester starts!
- When the semester starts, please log in right away so that you will not be dropped from the course. Mark your calendars! I will not contact you. Starting on day one of the semester, course information will be provided in Blackboard.
- To log in go to <http://blackboard.cuesta.edu> and follow the instructions. There is also now a direct link to Blackboard on our Cuesta home page (<http://cuesta.edu>). It is located on the lower right hand corner of the page.

- Your login ID matches your Banner/mycuesta ID: firstname\_lastname (all lower case). The default password for Blackboard is STUDENT (all upper case). Change your password once you have logged in. Passwords for mycuesta and Blackboard can be set to be the same, that is your choice. If you have taken a course before, through Blackboard/WebCT, you will use your existing password.
- If you are having technical difficulties with the course website, please contact Blackboard Technical Support @ 1-866-247-5971.

**Minimum Computer Requirements:** You need a **reliable** computer and internet connection, as well as a Cuesta e-mail account (check your Cuesta email before the beginning of the semester for course updates). Additionally, your computer needs to meet minimum system requirements to run Blackboard, the web-based course management program we are using.

### **Windows**

- Microsoft Windows 98 2nd Edition or newer
- Intel Pentium-II or higher
- Netscape 4.0 or greater
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or greater
- AOL 4.0 or greater

### **Macintosh**

- MAC OS 9 or newer
- Power Macintosh power PC processor (G3 or higher recommended)
- Netscape 4.0 or greater
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.5 or greater
- AOL 4.0 or greater

DSL or cable connection is preferred, but 56K telephone modem may be sufficient.

**Adobe Acrobat Reader:** Most recent free version can be downloaded from: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

**Accommodations:** If you have a disability and might need accommodations in this class, please contact the instructor as soon as possible so that you can receive appropriate accommodations in a timely manner.