



# Child Development and Early Education Program

## CHDV 197--Special Topics

### Connecting Children to Nature

CRN 52472--\*1 Credit

Saturday April 24 & May 1, 2010

8:10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Health & Human Services Bldg., Room 102

Main Campus--Downtown Lansing

Jean Garratt: Instructor

**This course explores children's play environments outdoors and regular contact with the natural world. Concepts addressed include :**

- **Children's opportunity for direct and spontaneous contact with nature and its impact on growth and development**
- **Amount of time for play**
- **Knowledge and appreciation of the natural world**
- **Children's curiosity with natural world**
- **Child's self in relation to the natural world**
- **Naturalization of playgrounds**
- **Appreciation of life cycles and nurturing a sense of community and stewardship**

*(\*Note: Seminars provide 13.5 hours of training toward Child Day Care Licensing training requirements and apply toward LCC Child Development Early Education Degrees)*