

FCS 3180 Home, School and Community Relationships
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REQUIRED TEXT: Olsen, G. & Fuller, M.L. (2003) Home-School Relationships: Working Successfully with Parents and Families (2nd Edition). Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon

Course Description

This class is designed to help students understand the interrelationship between families and schools. The goal is to provide a theoretical and practical understanding of the ways in which collaboration between home and school can positively impact the academic and social success of students. This class is divided into three sections. The first section focuses on families and how family diversity affects the school experience. The second section deals with school-home interactions. The third and final section provides information about current issues that affect the home and school relationship.

Course Learning Objectives

1. To develop an understanding of how families, schools, and communities singly and interactively support or compromise the healthy academic and social development of children.
2. To expose students to literature, research, and practice that will positively contribute to home-school relationship building.
3. To assist students in developing verbal and written communication skills.

Course Requirements

Exams (3) @ 100 points	300 points
Reaction Assignments (6) @ 20 points (drop lowest)	100 points
Reading Presentation 50 points	50 points
Personal Practice Paper 50 points	50 points
Quizzes (6) @ 10 points (drop lowest)	50 points
Chapter Preparation (3) @ 50 points	<u>150 points</u>
	700 total points

