Interactive Textbook for Practicum in Early Childhood Education

Greetings! This message is being sent by the ASCCC Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiative on behalf of a faculty member who is seeking colleagues to collaborate on OER for Practicum in Early Childhood Education. As the OERI requires that funded projects involve collaborators from at least three California Community College districts, we are assisting potential applicants who need collaborators. The need is described as follows:

We are in the process of writing a proposal for creating an Open Educational Resources (OER) textbook for Practicum in Early Childhood Education (C-ID ECE 210)/CAP Practicum. This course is required for students to advance in their studies and to obtain their degree and/or certificate, to transfer to University, and/or to apply for the Teacher State Permit Level or higher. This textbook would be made accessible to students at no cost and focus on the following: Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP) Child-Initiated/Emergent Curriculum (Cycle of Inquiry) High-Quality in ECE Nature-Based Social Constructivist Approach (i.e., Reggio Inspired Principles of Learning). It would also contain embedded assignments and resources that reflect the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework as well as Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism (IDEA). The aim of this project would be for the OER textbook to be adopted in a Community College setting where the Practicum class is included in the program. We are looking for California Community College collaborators that would support this project by one of the following:

- Writing, reviewing and/or revising the writing phases of the textbook.
- Helping with the design of the embedded assignments.
- Piloting it in your course once published, possibly by the Spring/Summer of 2023.

If you are interested in this opportunity or have any questions about it, please contact Karin Pavelek. Please forward this message on to anyone who might be interested.

The ASCCC Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) provides statewide professional development and funding opportunities to support the expansion of the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) in the California Community Colleges. "OER" refers to teaching and learning materials that are freely available online for everyone to use and includes course modules, lectures, homework assignments, lab and classroom activities, pedagogical materials,

games, simulations, and many more resources contained in digital media collections from around the world (as defined by [OER Commons](#)). OER most often refers to openly-licensed textbooks and ancillary materials that are available at little or no cost to students. The OERI facilitates and coordinates the curation and development of OER texts, ancillaries, and support systems. In addition, the OERI supports local OER implementation efforts by offering professional development, technical support, and technical resources.