

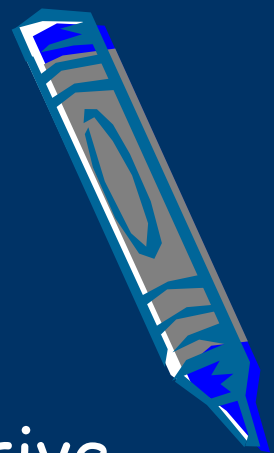
**NEW RESEARCH CONNECTIONS
FACULTY TEACHING MODULES:
ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES FOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD
TEACHER EDUCATION COURSES**



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HELPING FUTURE TEACHERS FIND AND USE RESEARCH

- A CRITICAL TASK BECAUSE: Effective EC teachers must implement evidence-based practices (Buysse & Wesley, 2006)
- A CHALLENGING TASK BECAUSE OF:
 - "Google Glut"—too much info of unknown quality
 - Beliefs that the ECE knowledge base is static
 - Limited room for new content in ECE teacher ed programs
 - Heavy faculty workloads and shrinking faculty professional development resources

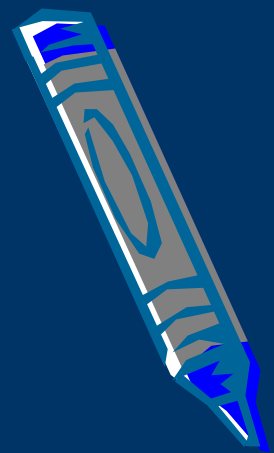


GOALS OF THE TEACHING MODULES

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click on "Understanding Research"

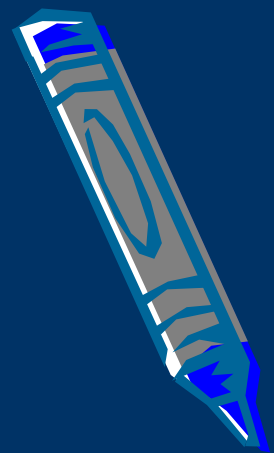
- Help faculty introduce undergraduate students to the value of research
- Give faculty free, adaptable materials for typical undergrad courses
- Offer students easy-to-use, credible research resources
- Increase students' interest and engagement in learning more about, and applying, ECE research



THE TEACHING MODULES' CONTENTS

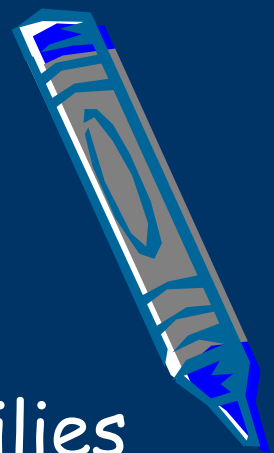
- Introduction for Faculty
- Module 1: Welcome to Child Care and Early Education *Research Connections!*
- Module 2: *Research Connections* and Early Childhood Development
- Module 3: *Research Connections* and Early Childhood Curriculum and Teaching Strategies

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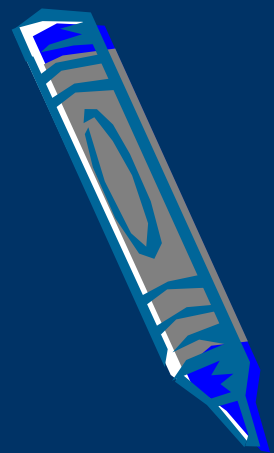


MORE CONTENTS

- Module 4: *Research Connections* and Families of Young Children
- Module 5: *Research Connections* and The Early Childhood Profession
- Inclusion, diversity, assessment are addressed across all modules
- All materials may be customized by faculty and others—just download MS Word version



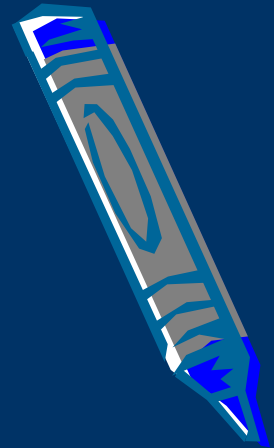
EACH MODULE INCLUDES



- Overview for faculty
- Student outcomes
- Alignment with NAEYC standards
- Assignments and in-class activities
- Student worksheets and self-assessment forms
- Suggestions for how to adapt materials



EXAMPLES: SAMPLE ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT WORKSHEETS



- Module 3 (EC Curriculum and Teaching)—Activity 3.3, “Research on Curriculum Used in Your State/District”
- Module 5 (EC Profession)—Activity 5.3, “Observing and Measuring Quality”



BEYOND EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EDUCATION: OTHER POTENTIAL USES FOR THE MODULES

- In-service teacher professional development
- Higher ed faculty professional development
- Workshop content for state specialists and other ECE leaders
- All activities and worksheets downloadable from www.researchconnections.org, "Understanding Research"—modify to meet your needs.

