

## **Department of Teacher Education Policy on Bringing Babies to Class**

The Department of Teacher Education encourages and supports mothers and fathers in the pursuit of their professional preparation as teachers. We recognize the challenge to provide appropriate care for children while parents attend classes.

However, bringing children of any age is not in the best interests of the child, the parent as a learner, peers in the class, or the instructor. We acknowledge that occasionally an illness or family emergency may interrupt the regular childcare routine. When this is the case, please **contact the course instructor prior to the beginning of class**. The instructor may approve or disapprove of having the child in the classroom.