

# Nutrition, Health, and Safety for Young Children

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### **Preface**

**Welcome to the wonderful world of early childhood education!** You are joining with educators from across the world, whose passion is to contribute to the health, wellbeing, and education of young children.

It is an exciting time! There is renewed and enthusiastic confirmation that early childhood professionals play a crucial role in helping young children establish the foundations of wellness and learning which will support them both now and in the future. With this strong support for the value of the early years comes a call to strive for high-quality care and education. Our communities have high expectations that teachers will learn and use teaching strategies that will help all children attain wellness and be ready for success in school. And more than ever before, we are being held accountable for children's progress in learning. It is a time of challenge, innovation, and evolution. We welcome you as a participant on this journey, and look forward to your contribution!

### New to this Edition

In this edition we provide a variety of new information and enhanced opportunities to help students understand the vital impacts of nutrition, health, and safety on children's wellness and ability to learn. We have gleaned ideas and feedback from professionals in practice to enhance the format and increase opportunities for active student reflection and learning. Our goal is to ensure that students have access to the most current information and ideas, and are prepared and ready to apply their knowledge in the classroom. Aspects that are new to this edition are discussed below.

### Pearson Etext Features

Fully digital text format is available for use with face-to-face, online, and hybrid classes, extending the nutrition, health, and safety message to future teachers. The Pearson eText includes familiar interactive features incorporated throughout the last edition as well as updated and exciting new features that further enhance student learning and retention of content.

 Video Application Exercises, new to this edition, provide videos that expand on content presented in the text with accompanying short answer questions and immediate feedback to enhance student understanding of important chapter concepts and to illustrate how these concepts are applied in real life early childhood scenarios.

- Video Examples, new and updated in this edition, give guidance that directs students to pay special attention to how a teacher discusses or demonstrates a concept, offering opportunity for students to see and consider how concepts are put into action.
- Self-Check Quizzes continue to follow each chapter section, guiding students to link to an electronic multiple-choice quiz to check their understanding of important section topics. Explanations, new to this edition, clarify why responses are correct or incorrect, giving students immediate feedback and allowing them to review the material before moving on, which helps ensure that learning outcomes are understood and achieved.
- © End-of-Chapter Quizzes connect students to multiple choice questions that measure their understanding of the chapter's learning outcomes. Explanations, new to this edition, clarify why incorrect responses are not correct, giving students immediate feedback to help them understand important chapter concepts.

### Format Changes

Section heading titles have been updated throughout this edition to focus reader attention on chapter learning outcomes. Revised format reduces redundancies. Most nutrition chapters are presented in a new order and have been renamed to help concepts build from foundational content to application, providing a better flow of topics and information for students.

## New Content to Address Current and Emerging Issues:

In this fourth edition of *Nutrition, Health,* and *Safety for Young Children*, new content has been included to address current issues throughout the chapters. This information helps readers recognize some of the wide range of topics, challenges, and opportunities that teachers of young children are addressing today. New content to guide this exploration includes the following:

Chapter 1 (the introductory chapter) includes a new section discussing the importance of cultural competency



and explores ways that teachers use this perspective to create more culturally relevant practices and appropriate classroom environments.

- Nutrition chapters offer new discussion of the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations for peanut allergies and the increasing incidence of food allergies.
- Techniques for cooking with toddlers and pre-schoolers as well as strategies for promoting healthy school fundraisers have been added.
- New information explores the status of soft drink sales in schools, provides strategies to reduce the sales of soft drinks and processed foods in schools, and ideas for how to make school fundraisers healthy and active.
- Strategies to help families access important yeararound nutrition services for feeding children, especially those from low income families, have been included.
- Health chapters provide new content addressing infectious disease outbreak, childhood immunizations, and strategies to improve health and wellness for children with special health care needs.
- New discussion explores the findings of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) project, inspiring special focus on children's social and emotional health and the need for teachers to understand traumainformed education – what it means and how to create a trauma-informed classroom to assist children to attain positive mental health and wellness during the early years.
- Safety chapters provide a new diagram and discussion of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to help students understand the importance of having basic needs met and sustained in order for children to be able to explore and learn.
- New data on the incidence of unintentional injuries is provided with discussion about how this awareness influences the development of environments, classroom practices, and supervision.
- Information and resources have been added to help programs prepare to address new kinds of threats to children's safety including active shooter, extreme weather, wildfires, and flooding events.
- New content discusses the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) in emergency situations.

In this edition these topics are explored by helping students understand the interrelationships among nutrition, health, and safety and discover strategies to share their knowledge with children and their families.

# Scope and Purpose of this Book

This practical text provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the nutrition, health, and safety needs of young children, birth into school age. In-text examples, case scenarios, and questions promote thinking about professional situations and give students a glimpse into the every-day contemporary classroom environment. These concrete illustrations prepare teachers to serve diverse populations of young children in family child care, child care centers, preschools, and elementary school settings.

The intention is to provide students with a strong understanding of wellness concepts, equipping them to implement healthful practices which teach young children ways to contribute to their own wellness, and helps establish each child's ability to learn. These skills emerge as students gain insight into the basic approaches used to enhance children's well-being:

- Partnering with children and families and with nutrition, health, and safety professionals to promote wellness in young children. Students learn that they will work within a network of support to meet children's nutrition, health, and safety needs.
- Implementing and modeling appropriate wellness practices. Students will be able to design and use practices that are fitting for children's age and developmental capabilities, that are in tune with children's interests, developmental, and health needs, and that are responsive to family cultural practices.
- Recognizing the important contributions of nutrition, health, and safety to children's learning and overall well-being. Students will be ready to:
  - Provide wholesome nutrition that promotes optimal growth, development, and learning.
  - Attend to children's individual health needs and implement healthful classroom routines that build wellness habits to last a lifetime.
  - Establish environments and implement practices that ensure children's physical and emotional safety, creating the foundations that allow children to explore, discover and learn.

Students are invited to join early childhood professionals everywhere who cherish the important early years of growth and development and who celebrate each child's potential for a healthy, happy, and productive future. The following pages describe what is new to this edition and how this text helps students to understand, see, and teach wellness concepts.







# Helps Students to Understand Wellness Concepts

- Through anecdotes and authentic examples, the authors use a storytelling approach that helps **contextualize** wellness concepts for students. Chapter-opening **scenarios** reveal common situations involving teachers, children, and their families grappling with nutrition, health, and safety issues. These scenarios are woven through each chapter to bring the teacher's role to life.
- The text advocates for the need to develop cultural competency when teaching nutrition, health, and safety concepts, including content about understanding dietary practices, feeding young children, building healthy behaviors, and teaching safety concepts in partnership with families from diverse backgrounds.
- A unique chapter on children's mental health explores current thinking about children's emotional health needs. (Chapter 12)
- Pedagogical features reinforce concepts and terminology: Learning Outcomes, key terms and glossary definitions, Self-Check quizzes located at the end of chapter sections (digital only), Video Application Exercises and Video Examples placed throughout the chapter content (digital only), end-of-chapter quizzes (digital only), and application items.



 Topical features in each chapter—Nutrition Notes, Safety Segments, Policy Points, and Health Hints—introduce readers to current issues in health, safety, and nutrition to create awareness and develop effective practices.

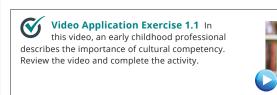


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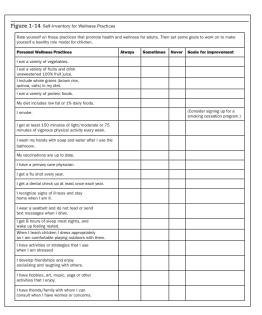


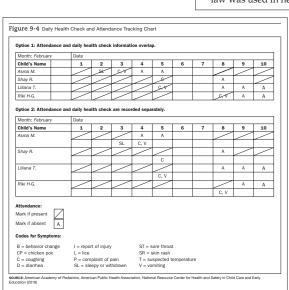
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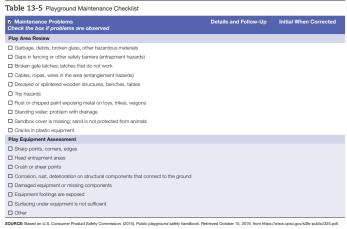
• Video Application Exercises and Video Examples are embedded directly into pages of the Pearson eText. These allow students to immediately see examples of teaching and wellness practices in action and learn further from them.



Example forms and check-lists are provided in several chapters allowing students to complete a self-inventory (Chapter 1), see a health check tracking form (chapter 9), or conduct a playground safety review (Chapter 13).









Video Example 1.1

In this video, two girls each draw a picture of their respective neighborhoods and answer questions about their neighborhoods. Notice how each child is able to express what she likes best about her neighborhood. Think about the detail the older child uses in describing how laws are developed and how one law was used in her neighborhood.

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  - Reflective What If ... situations place students in the classroom to think about
    how they would solve day-to-day challenges related to nutrition, health, and safety.
     A Matter of ETHICS questions in the margin notes ask readers to consider ethical
    questions in keeping with NAEYC's Code of Ethical Conduct.

#### What If ...

one of your relatives asked you about your plans to be a prekindergarten teacher? What could you tell them about the issues in nutrition, health, and safety that you would be helping to address as an early childhood educator?

A Matter of ETHICS Imagine that you want to have the children in your class make "community soup," an activity for which each child is asked to bring in a food item to contribute to the soup. Making a food contribution might be difficult for some of the low-income families in your class. How might you arrange this activity in a way that respects the dignity and worth of each child and family?

Progressive Programs & Practices features allow students to view wellness topics
through the experience of early childhood professionals who are addressing issues
and concerns in their communities.

### Progressive Programs & Practices

Training Teachers in Healthy Practices

By Tracy Moran and Tom Browning, Erikson Institute and Illinois Action for Children

New standards were recently recommended for Chicago's center-based child care centers to reduce childhood obesity and improve overall health. The standards include serving children reduced-fat milk, reducing sweetened beverage consumption, limiting screen time, and increasing daily physical activity.

Local organizations¹ collaborated with early childhood providers to develop training seminars to help child care providers implement the standards. Brainstorm sessions were held to share ideas and talk about managing challenges related to health and wellness. Topics that evolved included motivating child care providers to be healthier role models, finding ways to address challenges with accessing and affording healthy foods, recognizing high-crime activity in neighborhoods, and addressing perceived apathy of parents. Suggestions for promoting physical activity were shared, such as having relay races with plastic eggs on spoons and giving each child a magnifying glass and letting them explore the outdoor environment. From this conversation, a curriculum was designed to positively influence providers' knowledge and behaviors regarding nutrition, physical activity, health, and child well-being.

Then for 9 months, five trainers conducted 87 trainings engaging more than 1,000 participants. Training locations were selected to ensure broad participation. Large numbers of participants agreed to implement the new standards. Many



providers rated the reduced-fat milk standard as the most difficult to implement due to perceived cost increases or expected disagreement from children and/or parents.

According to child care provider Maria Salazar, "I started to implement the change from 2% to 1% milk in my day care. I was afraid when I started, but the children have assimilated and taken to the change easily. I have the children stand while putting together a puzzle so that they can be more active throughout the day. They are sleeping better because they are now tired. I also participate in the activities with the children and I love it."

<sup>1</sup>Including the Otho S.A. Sprague Memorial Institute, Erikson Institute, Illinois Action for Children, the Chicago Department of Public Health, and the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children.

• The theme of being a good **role model** to children is emphasized throughout.







# Helps Students Teach Wellness Concepts to Children

- Your Role in Children's Wellness establishes the importance of integrating nutrition, health, and safety concepts throughout learning activities and in the daily curriculum. A suggested activity plan format supports students who need to create learning activities in a practicum or field experience.
- Teaching Wellness curriculum lesson activities are provided in each chapter. The activities address a specific learning outcome, and are presented in developmentally appropriate ways for infants and toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Some of these can be viewed in videos.
- The text content aligns with **NAEYC Standards** for professional preparation and program standards.

### **Support Materials for Instructors**

The following resources are available for instructors to download from www .pearsonhighered.com. Instructors select Instructor Resources, enter the author or title of this book, select this particular edition of the book, and then click on the "Resources" tab to log in and download textbook supplements.

#### Instructor's Resource Manual

The revised Instructor's Resource Manual provides chapter-by-chapter tools to use in class. In-class activities, discussion questions, and additional resources will reinforce key concepts and applications and keep students engaged.

#### **Test Bank**

These multiple-choice and essay questions tied to each chapter provide instructors with a variety of assessment items to evaluate student understanding of chapter content. An answer key is included.

### **PowerPoint**<sup>TM</sup> Lecture Slides

The PowerPoint slides include key concept summarizations, diagrams, and other graphic aids to enhance learning. They are designed to help students understand, organize, and remember core concepts and theories.

#### TestGen<sup>™</sup>

TestGen is a powerful test generator that instructors install on a computer and use in conjunction with the TestGen test bank file for the text. Assessments, including equations, graphs, and scientific notation, may be created for both print and online testing.

TestGen is available exclusively from Pearson Education publishers. Instructors install TestGen on a personal computer (Windows or Macintosh) and create tests for classroom testing and for other specialized delivery options, such as over a local area network or on the Web.

The tests can be downloaded in the following formats:

- TestGen Testbank file—PC
- TestGen Testbank file—MAC
- TestGen Testbank—Blackboard 9 TIF









- TestGen Testbank—Blackboard CE/Vista (WebCT) TIF
- Angel Test Bank (zip)
- D2L Test Bank (zip)
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