FCS 403: Benefits of Play in Child Development.

Students complete activities as part of the course requirements and receive "Badges" to indicate their proficiency in the following areas:

Understand Historical and Contemporary Views on Play: <u>Participate</u> in class lectures, and readings to understand the historical and contemporary play theories, and theorists.

Explore Play Types: Encourage students to become <u>aware</u> of different types of play that are important for life-long human development parent-child interactions, solitary vs. social play, the role of play in learning (e.g., movement based learning), and physical challenges and play.

Identify Play Spaces and Places: <u>Explore</u> different contexts of play, for example the effects of culture on play, gender differences in play, age changes in play, recess, competitive and non-competitive play, technology and play, violence and play

Communicate Effectively about Play: <u>Improve</u> students' verbal and writing skills through written assignments, classroom discussions, and observation strategies in order to better communicate the benefits of play in their future careers.

