Creating a Twitter Account

Twitter® is a micro-blogging tool that allows you to find real-time news and instantaneously participate in conversations worldwide.

Please note: This is an ungraded activity. However, it is recommended that you create an account to see what is available in early childhood in the social learning world. If you already have an account, please take some time to read through some conversations in the field.

Visit Twitter to sign up or log in. Once you have signed up, you should complete the following:

- Follow the course @CE100 and join the Twitter discussion on various topics throughout the course.
- Watch the “How to Use Twitter: What Is Twitter?” and “Understanding Twitter Hashtags” videos to learn more about the social media tool.

Consider the roles and responsibilities associated with the careers and job positions of an early childhood professional and conduct a Twitter search to find a corresponding professional organization related to the career of your choice in the field (for example, NAEYC). Now you should be able to:

- Follow the organization(s)
  - You will now receive tweets on your page with great information from that organization.
- Retweet a post from the organization with #CE100 and/or #ecdorganizations
  - By doing this, you are creating a list of early childhood development organizations that will be searchable using #CE100 and/or #ecdorganizations.
- Search Twitter for #CE100 and/or #ecdorganizations
  - This search will provide you with a list of organizations that other students have identified as well as your organization(s).

Although Twitter conversations are set up specifically for this class, never assume any privacy when tweeting. Share only what you feel comfortable sharing publicly.

About Hashtags

Twitter has more than 300 million users. To keep conversations among so many people organized, hashtags (which must begin with the # symbol) help to categorize Twitter conversations. One example is #CE100. You can search Twitter for conversation topics that you are interested in by searching for a particular hashtag (i.e., #blogging or #onlinecourse). Sometimes users will also add a hashtag to their tweets to allow other users to find their tweets more easily. That is what we will do in this course, by using the #CE100 hashtag.

As the hashtag tutorials indicate, when you post a tweet in Twitter, you need to always type in the correct hashtag within your tweet. That way, your tweet will be categorized correctly.