CE100 Unit 9
Creating a Twitter Account

This activity is designed to use twitter, a micro-blogging tool, so you can see what is available in early childhood development in the social learning world. If you do not have a Twitter account, please follow the instructions below to set up an account and learn about hashtags (which is a way of organizing discussions within Twitter).

Directions

Consider the roles and responsibilities associated with the careers and job positions of an early childhood development professional and conduct a Twitter search to find a corresponding professional organization for a career of your choice in the field. i.e. NAEYC

- 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
  - 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.

How to Set Up a Twitter Account
To set up a Twitter account, visit the Twitter website and follow the logon directions.

Once your Twitter account is set-up, follow the course @CE100 and join the Twitter discussion on various topics throughout the course.

**Tutorials: Understanding Twitter and Hashtags**

If you need help setting up or understanding how Twitter and hashtags work, view the tutorials below.

What is Twitter [http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=7NmECqYwJx8&feature=endscreen](http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=7NmECqYwJx8&feature=endscreen)

Understanding Twitter Hashtags at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYPqZJa2uS8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYPqZJa2uS8)

**Hashtags**

Twitter has more than 200 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.