



A Comprehensive Guide to Child Development Course Syllabus

Course Description

This course explores the fundamental aspects of child development from infancy through adolescence. By evaluating key theories, developmental milestones, and environmental influences, students will gain an understanding of cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth in children. Topics include prenatal development, early learning, identity formation, and challenges such as technology's impact on development. This course is aimed at supplying learners with strategies to help create a healthy development for children and an understanding for you as a whole of child development.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in theories, stages, and influences of child development from infancy through adolescence.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Understand the background of childhood development including theories and research methods.
2. Understand critical stages of prenatal and infant development and explain how biological and environmental factors can influence growth.
3. Analyze cognitive, emotional, and social developments during early childhood, including the role of attachment and play.
4. Analyze academic, emotional, and social changes that occur during middle childhood and their implications for self-concept and peer relationships.
5. Understand the physiological, cognitive, and social developments of adolescence.
6. Determine how parenting, culture, socioeconomic status, and technology shape a child's development across different stages.
7. Create strategies to foster healthy development in children, including support for diverse needs and building resilience and grit.
8. Understand techniques to monitor developmental progress in children.

Modules

- Module 1: Introduction to Child Development, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Prenatal and Infant Development, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Early Childhood Development, Quiz 3
- Module 4: Middle Childhood Development, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Adolescent Development, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Influences on Development, Quiz 6



- Module 7: Supporting Child Development, Quiz 7
- Module 8: Observing and Assessing development, Quiz 8

Grading

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.