

10 Reasons for Studying Child Development

1. You may choose a career that involves working with children.
2. You may be a father or mother some day.
3. You will learn how to care for children.
4. You will learn how to observe and understand children.
5. You will strengthen your relationship with younger brothers, sisters, or other children you know.
6. You can better plan your future in relation to parenthood.
7. You will learn about the person you are.
8. You will learn about the child you were.
9. You will learn about the adult you will be.
10. You may discover that children are fun!

This is definitely a class where students see a connection between what they are learning how it is applicable to their lives now and in the future.



9TH GRADE

Child Development



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Child Development Highlights

Infant Simulators:

Students will have the opportunity to care for an infant simulator. Although it is not required for the course, it gives them a better understanding of the demands of caring for an infant.

Observations:

Students will be required to do one observation of a child. This allows them to have a hands-on experience where they will watch for the things we have discussed in class.

Preschool Day:

One day during the semester we will invite preschool children to join our class. The students will be responsible for the planning and preparation. It is always a lot of fun!

Learning activities:

Throughout the semester there are many hands-on activities in which the students will participate.

By the time a student has completed the Child Development Course, these are the things he/she should be able to do:

- List and explain the characteristics and responsibilities of good parents.
- Give examples of what parents should do to bond with their children and help them develop positive self-concept.
- Identify and explain the basic patterns and theories of human growth and development.
- Define the basic terminology related to prenatal development and childbirth.
- Identify the role environment and heredity play in prenatal development and the prevention of birth defects.
- Outline the three trimesters of prenatal development and list the progressive physical changes that occur in both mother and child.
- List the sequential events and possible complications of the childbirth process.
- Explain the important factors relating to prenatal care and the subsequent health of both mother and child.

- Evaluate the health and well-being of an infant based upon its physical characteristics and responses.
- Outline the sequence of a child's *physical* development from infancy through preschool.
- Outline the appropriate *social/emotional* development of a child from infancy through preschool.
- Analyze and create developmentally appropriate *intellectual* activities for children from birth through preschool.
- Describe the attributes, skills, and environmental qualities necessary for quality child care.
- Identify health and wellness considerations and interventions for children from infancy through preschool.
- List and explain the different types of play and their importance to a child's development.
- Explain the common reasons for a child's misbehavior and identify positive age-appropriate guidance techniques.
- Identify common stresses of childhood and discuss appropriate strategies for dealing with them.
- Identify the three types of abuse and the appropriate reporting procedures.
- Define the three parenting styles and discuss their relationship to discipline, and natural and logical consequences in guiding a child.

