ECME 101
Child Growth, Development, and Learning
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Textbook Required

Course Description
This basic course in the growth, development, and learning of young children, prenatal through age eight, provides students with the theoretical foundation for becoming competent early childhood professionals. The course includes knowledge of how young children grow, develop and learn. Major theories of child development are integrated with all domains of development, including biological-physical, social, cultural, emotional, cognitive and language. The adult’s role in supporting each child’s growth, development and learning is emphasized.

Course Competencies
This course is part of the articulated Universal Catalogue of Courses for Early Childhood Education in the State of New Mexico. The following objectives are taken from the New Mexico State Department of Education’s Common Core Competencies for early childhood professionals (see Common Core Content manual). Upon completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate the following competencies at the established level of proficiency:

- Incorporate understanding of developmental stages, processes, and theories of growth, development, and learning into developmentally appropriate practice. A.1
- Demonstrate knowledge of the interaction between maturation and environmental factors that influence physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and cultural domains in the healthy development of each child. A.2
- Demonstrate knowledge of the significance of individual differences in development and learning. Demonstrate knowledge of how certain differences may be associated with rate of development and developmental patterns associated with developmental delays and/or specific disabilities. A.3
• Demonstrate knowledge of the similarities between children who are developing typically and those with diverse abilities. A.4
• Demonstrate knowledge of the many functions that language serves in the cognitive, social, and emotional aspects of development in the formative years. A.7
• Demonstrate knowledge of the developmental sequence of language and literacy, including the influence of culture and home factors. A.8
• Demonstrate knowledge of how children acquire and use verbal, non-verbal, and alternative means of communication. A.9
• Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship among emotions, behaviors, and communication skills to assist children in identifying and expressing their feelings in appropriate ways. A.10
• Use appropriate guidance to support the development of self-regulatory capacities in young children. A.11

Online Participation
The Discussion Board is very much like a classroom discussion. There will be at least 1 discussion and at most 2 discussions to accompany the reading assignments. Students are expected to log onto Blackboard Learn at least four times per week to participate on the Discussion Boards. At minimum, students are expected to post their own comment and reply to at least one other student’s post. The 2 discussions for the week will appear on Sundays at 12:00 midnight; students need to post 4 times by the following Saturday at 11:59 pm.

Student/Instructor Communication
Please check your UNM email regularly. While I read your comments on the Discussion Board, I do not comment. Instead I send out an email the next week with my comments. Email is the best way to communicate with me; I reply promptly. On the weekends, I check my email at least once a day. I encourage you to email me with any questions you might have.

Due Dates and Assignments
Students are expected to turn in work on the date that it is due. Late assignments will be accepted; however, 5 points will be deducted for every day that it is late. **No late postings on the Discussion Board are permitted.** The 2 discussions for the week will appear on Sundays at 12:00 midnight; students need to post 4 times by the following Saturday at 11:59 pm.

Quizzes
There will be 5 quizzes throughout the semester. Please refer to the course outline at the end of this syllabus for dates.

Students with Disabilities and Special Learning Needs
Student Services provides a number of services for students with documented special needs. The Equal Access Office number is 925-8910. If you have a documented disability, please provide me with a copy of your letter from Equal Access Services as soon as possible to ensure that your accommodations are provided in a timely manner.
Academic Support
Student tutors are available for tutoring appointments at The Learning Resource Center. For more information phone 925-8907.

Sexual Harassment
In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Assistants are considered “responsible employees” by the Department of Education (see pg 15 - http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201404-title-ix.pdf). This designation requires that any report of gender discrimination which includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual violence made to a faculty member, TA, or GA must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator at the Office of Equal Opportunity (oeo.unm.edu). For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see: https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html

Grading
Online Discussion Board  25%

Trends in Parenting
Compare and Contrast Paper  25%

Developmental Milestone
Presentation  25%

Quizzes  25%

Total  100%

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Dishonesty in Academic Matters

As stated in 2014-2016 UNM-Valencia Catalog:

Each student is expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, including dismissal, against any student who is found responsible for academic dishonesty. Any student who has been judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; and misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or outside the University (11).
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Course Outline
DB (Discussion Board)

Week 1
1/17 - 1/21 (DB1) Introductions: Tell us about yourself.
Get ready for next week. Watch “Bringing Up Baby” Episode 1.
Read Chapter 1.

Week 2
1/22-1/28 (DB2a and DB2b) The What and Why of Early Childhood Development
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 2.

Week 3
1/29-2/4 (DB3a and DB3b) The Where, When, and How of Early Childhood Study and Assessment:
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 3.

Week 4
2/5-2/11 (DB4a and DB4b) The Family Before Birth
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 4.

Week 5
2/12-2/18 (DB5a and DB5b) The Child and Family at Birth
Quiz 1: Chapters 1-4
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 5.

Week 6
2/19-2/25 (DB6a and DB6b) Brain, Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development of the Infant
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 6.

Week 7
2/26-3/4 (DB7a and DB7b) Emotional and Social Development of the Infant
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 7.

Week 8
3/5-3/11 (DB8a and DB8b) Cognitive, Language, and Literacy Development of the Infant
Quiz 2: Chapters 5-7
Get ready for Week 9. Read Chapter 8
March 11 through March 19: Spring Break

Week 9
3/19-3/25 (DB9a and DB9b) Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development; Health and Nutrition: Ages One through Three
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 9.

Week 10
3/26-4/1 (DB10a and DB10b) Emotional and Social Development: Ages One through Three
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 10.

Week 11
Quiz 3: Chapters 8-10
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 11.

Week 12
4/9-4/15 (DB12a and DB12b) Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development; Health and Nutrition: Ages Four through Five
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 12.

Week 13
4/16-4/22 (DB13a and DB13b) Emotional and Social Development: Ages Four through Five
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 13

Week 14
4/23-4/29 (DB14a and DB14b) Cognitive, Language, and Literacy Development: Ages Four through Five
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 14 and 15.
Quiz 4: Chapters 11-13

Week 15
4/30-5/6 (DB15a) Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development; Health and Nutrition
Ages Six through Eight
(DB15b) Emotional and Social Development: Ages Six through Eight
Get ready for next week. Read Chapter 16.

Week 16
5/7-5/13 Quiz 5: Chapters 14-16
Due:
- Developmental Milestone Presentation
- Trends in Parenting: Compare and Contrast Paper