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Department of Teacher Education  
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EDFS 303-03: Human Growth and Development and the Educational Process

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Course Information:

Meeting Time: Tuesday; 4:00-6:45 p.m.  
Meeting Place: Education Center; 212

Welcome to Human Growth and Development! This course connects practical application with the use of theoretical information for instructional, clinical, and programming decisions throughout the lifespan. I am looking forward to a wonderful session.

Course Description:

The study of the general principles of lifelong human growth and development from conception through death as they relate to the educational and learning theories of physical, social, personality, and cognitive development. (3 credit hours)

Course Objectives and School of Education, Council for Exceptional Children, South Carolina Standards and ISTE Standards Assessed:

1. Evaluate the implications of research in the field of human development for educators (Standards I, VI, and VII).
2. Identify the basic feature of the study of lifelong human growth and development (Standards I, III, and VII).
3. Assess the unique learning and behavioral characteristics of persons with exceptionalities and students who experience, witness and/or are a part of bullying and harassment in schools (Standard I, SC 6, ISTE 4).
4. Examine the developmental stages of the following components of human growth and development, infancy through adulthood: language, cognitive, physical, social and emotional (Standard I).
5. Compare and contrast the assumptions and structures of psychological and sociological theories of human growth and development as they relate to teaching in the areas of
language, cognition, emotion, socialization and physical development of students from diverse backgrounds (Standard I).
6. Assess the impact of effective and ineffective teaching on the language, cognitive, emotional, social and physical growth of students with various learning styles (Standard I, ISTE 1).
7. Identify and evaluate specific learning experiences for students based on teaching/learning theories which facilitate optimal language, cognitive, physical, emotional and social growth of all students (Standard I, ISTE 1).
8. Design guidelines for applying teaching/learning theories in classrooms which focus on the development of optimal language, cognitive, physical, social and emotional growth of all students (Standards I, VI and VII).
9. Analyze family systems and the role of families in abuse, neglect, death, divorce, substance abuse and other stressors that can have implications for human growth and the learning process (Standard I).
10. Predict how the family, individual development and educational processes impact career choices across the life span (Standard I, SC 4).
11. Identify and use resources including the family, library, and community and technology that can assist in planning and implementing instructional strategies that address issues of life span development (Standards I and VII).

Textbook:


All additional required readings are housed in the OAKS shell under the tab labeled Course Documents. Information will remain available for download throughout the duration of the course. This is a paper-free course, so all assignments should be submitted through OAKS.

Course Requirements:

1. **Attendance and Participation.** Students should make every effort to attend class. Students who do not attend class should contact the instructor immediately to explain the absences and make arrangements to obtain class information. **No more than two absences are allowed;** more than two absences results in “WA” which converts to an F on your transcript. **Be advised that leaving class early more than two times will result in one absence.**
2. **Learning Modules.** In order to remain active in class, it is important to stay current with reading assignments. Information in the text is often the springboard for in-class discussions and outside written assignments. Learning modules will consist of discussion board postings, group assignments, media modules, and case studies. You will not receive credit for missing these assignments so regular attendance is key.
3. **Journal Article Critique.** Students will have one research-based article to read, summarize, and critique. The article will be uploaded to OAKS. A summary of the
research and its application to human growth and development will be submitted. There is a rubric on OAKS to guide your work.

4. **Field Observation Log.** Students will be asked to observe and reflect on a series of questions throughout their field placement. Students will reflect and answer the questions over ten separate observations. At the end of the semester all 25 hours must be documented and signed by the supervising teacher.

5. **Midterm and Final Examinations.** Students will demonstrate comprehensive mastery of the course content with emphasis on the major topics presented. The exams will include multiple-choice, short answer, and essay questions.

**Late Policy:**

Written assignments must be submitted through OAKS. When an assignment is late, the system will flag it. Failure to submit an assignment on time will result in a reduction of 5 points for each late day. No assignments will be accepted after 5 days tardy. For this reason, it is essential you stay on schedule throughout the course. Only in the most extenuating circumstances will extensions be given for assignments and exams (e.g., serious personal illness, death in the family, etc.). If this occurs, please contact me immediately and leave a message.

**Grading Assessment:**

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<td>Attendance (12 Classes *5 points) and Participation</td>
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<td>Midterm and Final Examinations</td>
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**Grading Evaluation:**

- **A:** 279-300
- **B:** 258-266
- **C:** 237-245
- **D:** 216-224
- **A-:** 273-278
- **B-:** 252-257
- **C-:** 231-236
- **D-:** 210-215
- **B+:** 267-272
- **C+:** 246-251
- **D+:** 225-230
- **F:** 209 and below

**Scholarly Writing and APA Style:**

You will find the current APA Style Manual (6th edition) very valuable in helping you format your work in line with APA requirements. All of your written work will be evaluated on the proper usage of grammar, spelling, current APA referencing, and writing in the third person. Tip sheets are located in the Course Documents tab on OAKS.
Honor Code and Academic Integrity:

The College of Charleston puts forth every reasonable effort to maintain academic integrity in the instructional program. To compromise integrity through acts of academic dishonesty seriously jeopardizes the quality of instruction and the caliber of education we purport to provide our students. All students are expected to follow the College of Charleston Honor Code which can be found at http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/honor-system/.

Disability Services:

The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students should apply at the Center for Disability Services/SNAP, located on the first floor of the Lightsey Center, Suite 104. Students approved for accommodations are responsible for notifying me as soon as possible and for contacting me at least one week before any accommodation is needed.

Technology Usage in Class:

The appropriate use of technology for learning purposes (e.g., taking notes, researching information, group work recording) is permitted. Students who are excessively using mobile phones, tablets, and laptops for any other reason will be considered absent for the class.

Please note: The following professional behaviors and dispositions are expected in our classroom.

**EHHP Professional Behaviors and Dispositions**

- WE believe that all children can learn.
- WE value and respect individual differences.
- WE value respectful human interactions.
- WE exhibit and encourage intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm about learning and a willingness to learn new ideas.
- WE are committed to inquiry, reflection and self-assessment.
- WE value collaborative and cooperative work.
- WE are sensitive to community and cultural contexts.
- WE engage in fair, responsible and ethical practice.
## COURSE SCHEDULE

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<td>VIDEO: Poor Kids</td>
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<td>Development in Middle Childhood</td>
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<td><strong>SPRING BREAK—ENJOY!</strong></td>
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* Asynchronous online class session via OAKS discussion board.
**All written assignments are due by 11:30 p.m. on the date listed in the syllabus. Please upload your work to the appropriately labelled dropbox on OAKS.
Tips for success in EDFS 303:

1. Keep up with all reading and written assignments.
2. Attend class and participate regularly.
3. Submit all written assignments through OAKS unless otherwise specified.
4. Drop by during office hours or e-mail me if you have questions or concerns about a topic or assignment.
5. Check all assignments with the rubrics provided so you can ensure compliance with the requirements.
6. Make good use of the resources and references made available in OAKS.