

COMPETENCY PROFILE

CHILD DEVELOPMENT: THEORY & OBSERVATION

WCC: ECE 116 (5 credits)

Basic concepts and theories of child development from birth to eight years. Students will practice techniques for observing, assessing, and recording child growth and development.



CHILD GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING

- Discuss & compare major theories of child development, & recognize evidence of these theories in action, such as:

Piaget	Vygotsky	Freud	Bandura
Erikson	Gardner	Kohlberg	Gesell
Maslow	Skinner	Gerber	Bronfenner
- Identifies/describes the ages & stages of typical development of humans; infants through age 8.
 - ✓ Social
 - ✓ Emotional
 - ✓ Physical
 - ✓ Cognitive/Language
- Demonstrates knowledge of the connection between all areas of development and principles of growth and development.
- Demonstrates understanding of developmentally appropriate practice.
- Demonstrates understanding of the impact environment has on children at various ages and stages.

CULTURAL & INDIVIDUAL DIVERSITY

- Show awareness of cultural and individual diversity, such as:
 - ✓ Race
 - ✓ Ethnicity
 - ✓ Gender
 - ✓ Children with Special Needs
 - ✓ Socio-economic factors
 - ✓ Family systems
 - ✓ Religions/spirituality

CHILD OBSERVATION & ASSESSMENT

- Recognize and observe evidence of developmental landmarks in children.
- Demonstrates working knowledge of the major uses of observation & assessment in early childhood settings.
- Able to select appropriate observation & assessment strategies & instruments for a variety of purposes.
- Develop competence in integrating observation & assessment activities into early childhood curriculum design, early learning environments & program operations.
- Learn how to communicate with others regarding the evidence of developmental growth.

CHILD GUIDANCE

- Demonstrate effective communication techniques to use with children.
 - Defines the adult role in providing positive methods of guidance and support for children.
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College Textbooks:

- 📖 Infants and Children, Laura E. Berk, Allyn & Bacon, ISBN# 0-205-42063-X
- 📖 Developmental Profiles, 4th edition, Allen & Marotz (text recommended but not required)