George Mason University  
College of Education and Human Development

EDUC 302 - 001  Human Growth and Development

Spring 2005  Wednesday, 7:20 pm – 10:00 pm  Room 137  Innovation Hall

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Course Description:
This course examines human development throughout the life span with special emphasis on the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of children. Contemporary theories of human development and their relevance to educational practices will be emphasized. THIS CLASS IS DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPUT OF ACTIVE LEARNERS. BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE.

Textbook:

2. Student- selected, course related readings to be found in magazines, journals, books and on the Internet.

Objectives:
Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Discuss the developmental stages of human development in terms of the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains.

2. Examine and explain the contributions of heredity, environment, and child rearing practices to the total development of the child.

3. Understand the development, and or, the application of theories as they apply to the instruction of young children.

4. Explain how children learn through active exploration and multiple interactions with materials, other children, and the adults in their environment.

5. Demonstrate a knowledge of contemporary theories of human development and their relevance to educational practices in early childhood, middle, and adolescent education.
Course Grading Policy and Assignment Expectations

**Evaluation:** During this course, grades will be based on the following: a Marvelous Me Presentation, four in-class exams, participation in a Group Presentations of: one group Chapter Presentation, and a Field Experience Report, which is developed from the 10 hours of field experience that is required for this course.

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**Guidelines For The Field Experience Report**

Each student will write a Field Experience Report based on their field experience in a school. Include the following sections in your report: DUE: 4/20/05

- **The Cover Sheet Field Experience Log** - completed and signed by the field experience supervising teacher. (1page: See example) **15 points**

- **A Field Experience Observation Report to Include:**
  - Brief description of a lesson(s) observed and/or participated in. (15pts)
  - Description of the methods and materials used to meet the stated objective(s). (15pts)
  - Citing the way(s) learning was evaluated. (15pts) (1-2 pages) **Subtotal: 45 points**

- **A Summary of the Benefits Derived From Your Field Experience** (1 page) **45 points**

- **A Description of Students’ Needs at the Grade Level Observed**
  - Describe the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs of the students you observed. Identify some of the ways that teachers addressed those needs. (1 page) **45 points**

**Note:** The Field Experience Report is to be typed in a clear (12 point, doubled spaced) and concise manner. Previous experience indicates that the Field Experience Report should be 4-5 pages in length.
Guidelines for the “Marvelous Me” Presentation

• Follow the directions on the work sheet.

• Be extremely creative. Give us your very BEST!

• Use the example of your instructor as a suggestion to the method of presentation.

• Please limit yourself to approximately 3 minutes. **You will be timed.**

• Remember there are no small parts, just small actors!

DUE: 2/2/05

Guidelines for the Group Chapter Presentation

• Each group (3) will prepare a presentation based on a topic found in the chapters covered in class.

• Read and explain the article and how relates to the chapter.

• Outline and speak on a **specific reading that relates to a topic** within the chapter that will enhance the chapter material; your choice should be based on the impact the topic has on the chapter, as well as the interest it is to your group.

• Prepare the presentation (with a class set of information) and anything else that you may feel necessary to help you make your lesson successful.

• Limit your presentation to **30 minutes; (10 min. each)**, include a PowerPoint presentation, an activity, or engaging questions that will provide a basis for class learning and discussion.

• Each group will be assigned a date to present the reading based on the chapter chosen. It will be a performance-based evaluation.

• A copy of your lesson in its full entirety will be given to the instructor for evaluation.

• PowerPoint is urged, and if you choose to present in this manner, please provide the instructor with a copy of the disk.

• A **Schedule** will be prepared for the class specifying topics, speakers, and time increments, of each group.

DUE: ........./.....

Guidelines for Class Journals
• Write four (4) separate entries of no more then one page, and not less then a half page in length. Please do not turn them in all at once.

• Topics can include any and all material covered in class or a personal experience that relates to the content of the course.

• Relate this information in a personal perspective or a reflective manner, as it pertains to the class.

DUE: 4/27/05

Guidelines for Class Attendance

• Each group will be presenting course assignments on their assigned dates, their perspective is unique, and therefor only by being in class can you learn from their effort.

• Interaction in both lectures and presentations can only occur if you are present.

• Any and all class activities / tests grades or credit will be based on class attendance.

• If you are serious about the grade you receive become pro-active in the process through your attendance. Please plan to attend class regularly. Contact me in advance if you can not attend class.

EDUC 302 - GROUP PRESENTATION INFORMATION

Group #……. Chapter #………………………………………………… Date…………..

Group Members Information

A)…………………………………………………………….Contact……………………………………

B)…………………………………………………………….Contact……………………………………

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# Educ 302 - 001 Course Outline and Topics

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| 1     | 1/26 | • Introductions  
        |      | • Course Overview  
        |      | • Field Experience Overview  |
| 2     | 2/2  | • Marvelous Me!  
        |      | • Theories of Human Development  
        |      | (Craig, Chpts.1&2 pgs. 4-83)  |
| 3     | 2/9  | • Prenatal Development, Childbirth/Infancy  
        |      | (Craig, Chpts.3,4,5)  
        |      | • Video: Birth  |
| 4     | 2/16 | • Infants/Toddlers Sociocultural Development  
        |      | (Craig, Chpt.6 pgs 205-237)  
        |      | • Video: The First Years  |
| 5     | 2/23 | Early Childhood: Physical/Cognitive/Language  
        |      | (Craig, Chpt.7 pgs.240-273)  
        |      | • Group Presentation  |
| 6     | 3/2  | • Early Childhood: Personality/Social Development  
        |      | (Craig, Chapt.8 pgs.276-312)  
        |      | • Group Presentation  |
| 7     | 3/9  | • Middle Childhood: Physical/Cognitive/Language  
        |      | (Craig, Chpt.9 pgs. 316-348)  
        |      | • Group Presentation  |
| 8     | 3/30 | • Middle Childhood: Personality/Socialization  
        |      | (Craig, Chpt.10 pgs.352-376)  
        |      | • Group Presentation  |
| 9     | 4/6  | • Adolescence: Physical & Cognitive Development  
        |      | (Craig, Chpt.11 pgs. 276-302)  |
Group Presentation

10  4/13  *Adolescence: Social & Personality Development  
     (Craig, Chpt.12 pgs.316-348)  
*Group Presentation

11  4/20  *Young Adults: Physical, Cognitive Development.  
     (Craig, Chpt.13 pgs. 438-467)  
*Group Presentation

12  4/27  *Young Adults: Personality, Sociocultural Development.  
     (Craig, Chpt.14 pgs. 472-503)  
*Group Presentation

13  5/4  *Middle Adults: Physical, Cognitive Development  
     (Craig, Chpt.15 pgs. 508-533)  
*Group Presentation

14  5/11  *Middle Adulthood: Personality Development, Socialization.  
     (Craig, Chpt.16 pgs. 538-565)  
*Group Presentation 10  
*Late Adulthood: Status Changes/Reflection Time  
     (Craig, Chpt.17-18). Video on reflection  
     Evaluations

E-mail/Phone. – All students in EDUC 302 should have a GMU e-mail address and should check regularly to see if postings from other students or the instructor have been sent. Please pay particular attention to weather related emails.

Scholarship. - All work that is either handed in to the instructor or distributed to fellow students must be typed and reflect a high level of scholarship. Please take time to proof all work and remember that this effort is a direct reflection on your grade. Late assignments will be reduced by 15 points for each meeting that they are overdue. Finally, please remember that the GMU Honor Code is in effect at all times.

Presentations. - As each group prepares to present their topics please remember that you will be the focus of the class. A high level of professionalism is expected in terms of execution of the topic as well as a suitable and appropriate appearance. I will make every effort to assist any and all groups in the way of meeting time and support material that will enhance your efforts as well as your presenta

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Name: Your Name

Date: ___/_____/_____ (completed)
**Work Sheet for: Marvelous Me!**

A collage of who I am

Due: 2/2/05

Take a good look at yourself. Identify some of your physical, cultural, social, emotional, and intellectual characteristics using a collage. On a piece of hard board, approximately (24” x 24”) arrange around your name, a collection of magazine pictures, photos, text, or anything else that will help you show us who you are. Be as creative as you wish, and present this with a great deal of enthusiasm, after all, you are talking about a marvelous person….. you!

Please limit your presentation to approximately 3 minutes.

Project Requirements:

2 examples of your cultural characteristics (4pts.) 2 2

2 examples of your physical characteristics (4pts.) 2 2

2 examples of your social characteristics (4pts.) 2 2

2 examples of your emotional characteristics (4pts.) 2 2

Appearance of Project (14 pts.) 5 general 5 effort 4 clarity

Presentation Style (20 pts.) 5 speech 10 focus 5 time

Total: 50 pts. ...........

Select any of the following “special features”, find an example, and use it. These are elements that add balance to your life. They are also the things that tell us what you value, reflect upon, look forward to, and are passionate about. While some of these are things that you must do…..they may not necessarily be who you really are. We are all so much more then what meets the eye. Choose things that may help define you as a person.

Remember since we will all be presenting that night 3 minutes will be the time limit to all MM’s.
Chapter Presentation Rubric

EDUC 302                                                                                                                     Grade: 100 /……...

Date…………… Chapter……….

**The Lesson Content** (7 pts. each)

a) establishes a clear aim or beginning point .....  
b) contains a central idea or thesis.....  
c) remains focused and stays on the topic.....  
d) supports main ideas with details and elaboration.....  
e) ideas move smoothly and in logical patterns.....  
f) has a clear beginning, middle, and end.....  
g) provides class with learning materials.....  

Total: 50 /……...

**The Presentation / Delivery** (5 pts. each)

a) enthusiasm. .....  
b) professionalism .....  
c) motivates (encourages) learners .....  
d) creates detailed visual picture of ideas.....  
e) use of teaching aids to enhance ideas.....  
f) varies tone and voice to engage listeners.....  
g) uses a consistent point of view that is not confusing.....  
h) uses appropriate terms and phrases in correct context.....  

Total: 40 / .......

**Team Effort**

Total: 10 / .......

EDUC 302                                                                                                            Dr. Prifti
Article Review Form

NAME……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

TITLE and AUTHOR………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Briefly state the main idea of the article:
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Briefly explain how this reading did assist / not assist your understanding of the subject.
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