



Syllabus

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What You Should Already Know

This course does not require any specific knowledge base or experience; there are no prerequisites.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to do the following:

1. Explain the reasons for studying child development and selected developmental theories.
2. Identify the characteristics of parenting, including preparedness for parenting.
3. Explain the difficulties of teenage pregnancies.
4. Identify correct facts concerning conception, including the influences of heredity and environment on prenatal development.
5. Explain the characteristics of pregnancy.
6. Describe the processes occurring during prenatal development.
7. List the sequential events of the childbirth process.

Course Materials

All of the course's content is contained within this course manual. All you will need is a pencil, a journal to write in (or blank sheets of paper), and a little bit of energy and excitement to get you through!

Course Organization

This course contains six units. Each unit contains lessons, discussion material, Self Check questions, and a quiz. Some units also include pretests, thought questions, and journal entry assignments.

Assignments

Self Checks

Self Check assignments are ungraded assignments you can use to measure your own understanding.

Quizzes

Each Quiz contains 10–30 questions. You should answer the quiz questions carefully. Be sure that you understand each unit before completing the assignment.

Exams

The final exam only contains twenty-three questions, one question from each lesson taught throughout the entire course. Because the final exam is so short, each question will weigh heavily on your grade. You should prepare very well before taking the exam. The final exam counts for 40 percent of your grade.

Grading

The following tables show the weight for each graded event and the grading scale used for this course.

Grading Breakdown

ASSIGNMENT	WEIGHT
Quizzes (10 percent each)	60%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

Grading Scale

LETTER GRADE	PERCENTAGE
A	100–94%
A-	93–90

B+	89–87
B	86–84
B-	83–80
C+	79–77
C	76–74
C-	73–70
D+	69–67
D	66–64
D-	63–60
E (fail)	59 or below