EDU 144 Child Development I

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: Take DRE 097

This course includes the theories of child development, observation and assessment, milestones, and factors that influence development, from conception through approximately 36 months. Emphasis is placed on knowledge, observation and assessment of developmental sequences in approaches to play/learning, emotional/social, health/physical, language/communication and cognitive domains. Upon completion, students should be able to compare/contrast typical/atypical developmental characteristics, explain biological and environmental factors that impact development, and identify evidence-based strategies for enhancing development for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse.

Course Hours per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Compare/contrast typical/atypical developmental characteristics
2. Explain biological and environmental factors that impact development
3. Identify evidence-based strategies for enhancing development for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

1. Overview of the Young Child
   A. Early Childhood Age Range
   B. NAEYC and Developmentally Appropriate Practices
2. Historical Perspectives on Child Development
3. Theories of Child Development
   A. Influential Theorists and Theories
   B. Brain Research and Development
   C. Child Study and Authentic Assessments
4. Factors Affecting Growth, Development, and Learning
5. Prenatal Development
6. Infancy Development
   A. Motor Development
   B. Cognitive Development
   C. Language Development
   D. Social and Emotional Development
7. Toddler Development
   A. Motor Development
   B. Cognitive Development
   C. Language Development
D. Social and Emotional Development

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:
Textbook: The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.

Available free at NC Child Development and Early Education website (link opens in a new window)