COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 080 and RED 080, or DRE 097, or satisfactory score on placement tests
Corequisites: None

This course provides an introduction to the study of human growth and development. Emphasis is on the physical, cognitive, and psychosocial aspects of development from conception to death. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of development across the life span and apply this knowledge to their specific field of study. Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

a. Identify the historical overview of life span developmental.
b. Define and explain research methods used in life span development.
c. Define and explain major theories of human development.
d. Discuss and recognize the physical, cognitive, and socioemotional changes in development throughout the lifespan.

CORE CONCEPTS EXAMINED:

A. Determinants of development
B. Nature vs. nurture
C. Research methodologies
D. Psychodynamic theory
E. Social learning theory
F. Cognitive theory
G. Biological theory and genetics
H. Prenatal development and birth
I. Physical development across the lifespan
J. Cognitive and language development across the lifespan
K. Psychosocial development across the lifespan
L. Death and bereavement
M. Perspectives on death
N. Children's reaction to death and dying
REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

To be selected by instructor.

STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 919-536-7207, ext. 1413 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1209.