

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Child Development

Course #: ECE*182

Course Description: This course is concerned with human development from prenatal through elementary education with particular emphasis on the preschool child. The physical, social-emotional, and cognitive benchmarks through successive stages of development will be studied in depth. This course requires twelve (12) hours of observation.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: None.

Course Objectives: The student will;

- Identify the influences of heredity and environment and how they impact a child's development
- Differentiate how children grow and develop through successive stages
- Examine how children differ in their development and approaches to learning
- Construct methods of gathering information about a child's growth and development
- Assess childcare professionals and families need to understand child development
- Define how children differ in their development and approaches to learning
- Identify methods which develop good working partnerships with families

Outcomes: Upon completion of course, the student should be able to:

- Describe examples of how children grow and develop through successive stages.
- Identify the influences of heredity and environment and how they impact a child's development.
- Utilize a variety of methods for gathering information about a child's growth and development.
- Describe guidelines for and examples of developmentally appropriate activity planning for young children.
- Discuss and provide examples of safe and healthy inclusive environments for at-risk and typically developing young children.
- Explain both the purpose of developmental screening protocols and the reasons for exercising caution when interpreting results.
- Discuss why childcare professionals and parents need to understand child development.
- Identify methods that develop effective working partnerships with parents.