Welcome to CCEI891

This course provides an overview of developmental domains, with an emphasis on prominent theorists, psychologists, and medical researchers who have shaped our understanding of early childhood development.

Course Objectives:

By taking notes on the handout and successfully answering assessment questions, participants will meet the following objectives as a result of taking this course:

- Identify concepts and traits associated with developmental domains
- Identify major ideas put forth by prominent theorists in various fields of child development
- Identify factors and concepts involved in emotional development and social development, including temperament, the Transactional Model, peer relationships, and play
- Define the Babinski reflex
- Identify important aspects of physical development
- Define cognitive development
- Identify basic stages in language and literacy development
- Identify important factors in brain development

References:


Other Resources


Developmental Domains

What are the basic developmental domains explored in this course?

Why is it important for early childhood educators to learn about developmental domains?

Personal and Social Development

What is Attachment Theory?

Stranger anxiety:

Emotional Development

According to Bowlby, what three emotional stages might an infant experience if a close attachment is broken?
Temperament

Define *temperament*:

List and briefly describe the nine *Temperament Characteristics* identified by researchers in the New York Longitudinal Study:

Transaction Model

Describe the *Transactional Model*:

Peer Relationships

According to researcher S.R. Asher, what may happen if a child lacks ongoing peer involvement?

Stages of Play
Describe each of the following stages of play:

Practice play:

Solitary play:

Parallel play:

Cooperative play:

Moral Development

Define morality:

Define moral development:

Describe each of the following stages of moral development, according to Kohlberg:

Pre-conventional:

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Conventional:

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Post-conventional:
Physical Domain

List five major factors that influence physical development.

What is a *primitive reflex*?

What is *Babinski’s reflex*?

What is the *sucking reflex*?

What is the *rooting reflex*?

Motor Skills

What are *gross motor skills*?

What are *fine motor skills*?

The Cognitive Domain

What is the focus of the cognitive domain?
Language and Literacy Development

What is the difference between *language* and *speech*?

Speech Issues in Early Childhood

Briefly describe each of the eight stages of language development.

The Importance of Hearing

What is the connection between delayed speech and hearing problems caused by frequent ear infections or other ear-related problems?

Brain Development

What is a *neuron*?

What is a *synaptic connection*?

How might the process of *myelination* influence a child’s behavior?

List five factors that are important for healthy brain development: