

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY EDU 207 – HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (3 CR.)

Course Description

Provides an overview of the physical, intellectual, cognitive, language, social, and emotional development of human beings from birth to adolescence. Emphasizes how hereditary and environmental influences impact the development of the whole child.

Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide K-12 classroom teachers with knowledge and understanding of theories of human development, including genetic and environmental influences. Students will learn to create classroom environments by analyzing various developmental stages, including sensory, cognitive, language and social stages.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

n/a

Course Objectives

- Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to
- Describe the physical, social, emotional, speech and language, and intellectual development of children, with the ability to use this understanding in guiding learning experiences and relating meaningfully to students.
- Relate multicultural concepts to human development and explain how these characteristics of diversity may impact behavior.
- Compare the major theories of human growth and development and their relevance to educational practices in early to adolescent education.
- Discuss the role of education in promoting continued growth throughout the lifespan.
- Evaluate common research methods, techniques, and approaches to the study of human development.
- Analyze the effects of parenting, monitoring, and caregiving from the prenatal period through adolescence.
- Apply cognitive, socioemotional and physical domains to actual situations.

Major Course Topics

- Historical foundations
- Developmental theories
- The uniqueness of the individual
- Controversies of the field of human development
- Differentiated instruction based on such as developmental disabilities, attention deficit disorders, giftedness, substance abuse, child abuse, and family disruptions.
- Developmental stages: Infancy, Early childhood, Middle childhood, and adulthood

Extra Course Topics

- Related subjects at the discretion of the instructor