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Online Course Information Form

Course Number: IEC2003

Course Title: Child Growth and Development

Course Description: Study of environmental and hereditary effects on the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor development of typically and atypically developing children from birth to adolescence. Students consider both predictable developmental patterns and unique patterns due to sexual, socioeconomic, cultural, and normal variations in inherited characteristics. Students observe, record, and analyze behavior and development of children in an educational setting.

Instructor: Lisa Oden

Instructor Bio: Lisa Oden has been an educator for 20 years and serves as the Teacher Education Coordinator of SAU Tech.

- BSE in Elementary Ed/Social Studies – Southern Arkansas University
- MSE in Elementary Ed/Reading/Principal Certification – Southern Arkansas University/Henderson State University
- EdD in Higher Education/Faculty Development (currently working on Dissertation) – University of Arkansas at Little Rock

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Prerequisites: None

Textbook Title: Bee, H. (2006). *The Developing Child* (11th Ed.). NY: Longman.

Learning Outcomes: To help students -

- Gain knowledge about theory and research in child development.
- Understand the scientific method.
- Develop critical reading, writing, and presentational skills through reading assignments, writing assignments, online group discussions of theoretical material, and class presentations of current research findings.
- Make connections between theory, research, and practice, and to consider the implications of research for interventions, education, and policy regarding children and adolescents.
- Acquire knowledge relevant for the classroom context

Teaching Methodology, including description of interaction between student and instructor:

I really like to form an on-line “community of learners” form of communication between the students and me and between the students themselves. I strive to create and facilitate a “user-friendly” course that translates to your classroom performance as an educator. Here is some information about the required work.

Assignments: In this section, you will find assignments for one lesson per unit. Once you submit an assignment, it will be graded and your grade will be posted.

Projects: In this section, you will find the selections for a variety of projects you will develop during this course. There are 2 projects for this course: An online discussion board for reflection and discussion, and a Child Study: A comprehensive observation and recording based on a child in your field placement. Guidelines for the projects will be provided.

Discussion/Journal: In this section, you will occasionally be asked to respond to one topic provided by your instructor. Please use this as a tool for sharing thoughts and opinions regarding educational issues.

Methods of Testing: Quizzes will be provided for each lesson of the course. You will have a Unit Exam at the end of each unit. You will have a Proctored Final Exam at the end of the course. You may take each quiz a maximum of three times. Unit Exams can only be taken once.

Special Attendance Requirements (student contact with instructor, proctored examinations, etc.): You should log onto your class at least every other day and you should email your instructor once a week telling how you are progressing in the class.

If you have technical difficulties (computer crashes, etc.) or personal problems that cause you to fall behind in your work, you should let the instructor know **immediately**. Contacting the instructor does not relieve you of the responsibility of doing your work, but it does allow the instructor to work with you to overcome the problems you are encountering.

The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college web site at http://www.sautech.edu/docs/proc_sites.pdf for more detailed information.

Other Considerations (writing ability, assignments/projects, time considerations, etc.)

Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class. Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:

- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use word processing (MS Word) skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech. To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things for you.

All Courses

- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
 - Cost: \$160 (for entire Microsoft Office suite which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access)
 - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded onto your computer
 - There is also a free product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at <http://www.openoffice.org>.
- Respondus LockDown Browser – used to take exams in Blackboard
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.sautech.edu/docs/ldb_instructions.pdf
 - *Note: Not compatible with Linux operating system. Must have Windows XP, 2000, ME or 98 operating system for personal computers or OS X 10.3.9 or higher and Safari browser for Macintosh.*
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities

- Cost: Free
- Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?>
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files
 - Cost: Free
 - Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- Java – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.**)
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://javashop1m.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre-1.5.0_05-oth-JPR&SiteId=JSC&TransactionId=noreg

Note: Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed above are loaded on your computer. In addition to the above programs, the courses listed below will require additional programs as stated.

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- Video Camera
 - You must have a video camera and an audience of at least eight students to demonstration teach
- Real Player
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.real.com/>
- QuickTime
 - Cost: Free

Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>