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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

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Vision

To serve the educational needs of local, regional, and global communities, the School of Education advances innovative practice and leadership by generating, embracing, and promoting equitable and creative solutions.

Mission

The mission of the School of Education community is to collaboratively transform education. We:

- Create community through partnerships
- Promote and foster social justice and educational equity
- Advance innovative, student-centered practices
- Inspire reflective teaching and learning
- Conduct purposeful research
- Serve the School, College, University, and Community

BASIC TENETS OF OUR CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- Student centered education
- Research and theory specific to the program field inform practice
- Connections and links between coursework and application
- Strong engagement between faculty and candidates
- Co-teaching clinical practice
- Culturally responsive pedagogy and socially just outcomes

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Considers the social, cultural, cognitive, emotional, linguistic, and behavioral development of children and adolescents from multidisciplinary, multicultural, and applied perspectives. Students will learn major theories of development in order to apply that knowledge to their work in evidence-based services and programs for children and youth. Includes a field experience component through which students will consider how their in-class learning is enacted in the lived experiences of children and youth. Special attention is given to identifying multicultural and socio-cultural influences on development. *May not be taken for credit by students who have received credit for EDUC 496-1.*

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the main principles of cognitive development, information processing, and sociocultural theory in order to identify how each is manifested in the lives of children and youth
2. Use the field experience to demonstrate how academic theory contributes to understanding observed differences in socially, culturally, and linguistically diverse children and youth
3. Understand and then evaluate the ways in which academic theory is applied within the realms of health, human services, and education
4. Apply knowledge gained from the field experience when considering influences such as environment, culture, family/sibling/friend relationships on the development of thought and reasoning
5. Create an understanding of what various theoretical constructs actually mean in the “real life” of children and youth
6. Summarize findings of empirical research in major areas of cognitive development, including perception, language, memory, conceptual understanding, problems solving, social cognition, and acquisition of academic skills and apply those summaries to understanding the lived experiences of children and youth
7. Understand cognitive and developmental processes and determine how that knowledge can be best applied to work with children and youth in education and other human services fields.

***Special Note: Because this course requires a field service component, a background check may be required. It is your responsibility to check with the agency you will be serving and to meet fingerprinting and other requirements to serve as a volunteer. All students should work with the Office of Service Learning (<http://www.csusm.edu/community/servicelearning>) to ensure that proper procedures are followed**

Credit Hour Policy Statement

Per the University Credit Hour Policy: Students are expected to spend a minimum of two hours outside of the classroom each week for each unit of credit engaged in learning. For this course with three weekly hours of instruction, you should plan on spending an additional six hours engaged in study, review, and planning.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Willingham, D. (2009). *Why Don't Students Like School? A Cognitive Scientist Answers Questions about How the Mind Works and What it Means for Your Classroom*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Scholarly and applied articles from academic researchers and field practitioners are required and will be found in our Cougar Courses container.

School of Education Attendance Policy

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the School of Education, all candidates are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, candidates must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements. Should the candidate have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. (*Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997*).

For this course: Students missing three class sessions will see their grades reduced by one full grade. Students missing four or more class sessions will see their grades reduced by two full grades. Leaving early or arriving late by more than 15 minutes constitutes one absence. Illness and emergencies are considered on a case-by-case basis. However, notification of an absence does not constitute an excuse.

CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy

Students will be expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the Student Academic Honesty Policy. All assignments must be original work, clear and error-free. All ideas/material that are borrowed from other sources must have appropriate references to the original sources. Any quoted material should give credit to the source and be punctuated accordingly.

Academic Honesty and Integrity: Students are responsible for honest completion and representation of their work. Your course catalog details the ethical standards and penalties for infractions. There will be zero tolerance for infractions. If you believe there has been an infraction by someone in the class, please bring it to the instructor's attention. The instructor reserves the right to discipline any student for academic dishonesty, in accordance with the general rules and regulations of the university. Disciplinary action may include the lowering of grades and/or the assignment of a failing grade for an exam, assignment, or the class as a whole.

Candidates with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Candidates with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must be approved for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disabled Student Services (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 4300, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Candidates authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

All University Writing Requirement

Every course at the university must have a writing requirement of at least 2500 words. The requirement is met in this class through the assignments described below.

Plagiarism

As an educator, it is expected that each candidate will do his/her own work, and contribute equally to group projects and processes. Plagiarism or cheating is unacceptable under any circumstances. If you are in doubt about whether your work is paraphrased or plagiarized see the Plagiarism Prevention for Students website <http://library.csusm.edu/plagiarism/index.html>. If there are questions about academic honesty, please consult the University catalog.

Electronic Communication Protocol

Electronic correspondence is a part of your professional interactions. If you need to contact the instructor, e-mail is often the easiest way to do so. It is my intention to respond to all received e-mails in a timely manner. Please be reminded that e-mail and on-line discussions are a very specific form of communication, with their own nuances and etiquette. For instance, electronic messages sent in all upper case (or lower case) letters, major typos, or slang, often communicate more than the sender originally intended. With that said, please be mindful of all e-mail and on-line discussion messages you send to your colleagues, to faculty members in the School of Education, or to persons within the greater educational community. All electronic messages should be crafted with professionalism and care.

Things to consider:

- Would I say in person what this electronic message specifically says?
- How could this message be misconstrued?
- Does this message represent my highest self?
- Am I sending this electronic message to avoid a face-to-face conversation?

In addition, if there is ever a concern with an electronic message sent to you, please talk with the author in person in order to correct any confusion.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grading Standards

Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate place on Cougar Courses 9:00 am on the specified due date unless otherwise noted below. Hand-written work is not accepted, and all documents should use 12 point Times New Roman. Edit assignments prior to submission to ensure the text is error-free and the ideas are logically and concisely presented. All citations, where appropriate, should use American Psychological Association (APA) 6th edition. Rubrics for each assignment are posted in our Cougar Courses container.

A	93-100	A-	90-92		
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72

Assignment	Points Possible
Interview with a Youth (Due November 1, 2016 by 9 am)	25
Service Learning Write Up (Due November 26, 2016 by 9 am)	30
Presentation of Interview Findings & Implications (Due December 8, 2016 in class)	15
Final Exam (Online—Open book/open notes; Must be completed December 15, 2016 at 9 am)	30
Total Points	100

1. Interview With a Youth—Due November 1, 2016 by 9 am

You will identify a child or adolescent with whom to conduct a series of interviews centered on the major theories discussed in this course. Because the focus of this course is on *understanding how theories of development apply to the lived experiences of children and adolescents*, these interviews will encourage you to make those connections. This assignment encourages you to *create an understanding of what various theoretical constructs actually mean in the “real life” of children and adolescents*. When you write about your youth, you will explain how his/her responses to the questions and your interactions with him/her might be explained by what you are learning in the course. The write-up should be a narrative format where you describe the youth with whom you worked, make specific connections to the theories we discuss in class, and include specific quotations to illustrate your thinking. See page 8 for sample interview questions.

2. Service Learning Experience and Write-Up—Due Saturday, November 26 by 9 am

Because this course focuses on *understanding how theories of child and adolescent development are applied in daily practice*, you will spend 1-2 hours per week volunteering in a field-based program of your choice. You may volunteer in a public or private school classroom, a hospital, or a social work setting—it must be a setting that works with children and/or adolescents. You will document your interactions with the youth you encounter and write an analysis that makes connections between and among the theories we discuss in class and your experiences in the field. We will discuss procedures for identifying a field site, expectations for gaining permission to volunteer, and requirements for the write-up in class. See page 8 for questions to guide your thinking during the observations. Use the graphic organizer on page 9 to hold your thinking if you find it useful (not required).

3. Presentation (Interview and Implications)—Due Thursday, December 8 in class

In order to emphasize the *importance of practically applying the theories and concepts from this class to the real world of children and adolescents*, you will prepare a presentation of the major findings from your service learning experience. This presentation can be a poster, PowerPoint, or any other creative format, and you will share the work in a Gallery Walk during the 15th week of the course. Your presentation must summarize your findings from the service learning experience and *discuss their implications for education, social work, and other human services fields*.

4. Final Exam—Must be finished by 9 am on December 15, 2016.

During finals week, you will take a comprehensive final exam in order to demonstrate your understanding of the major theories and concepts related to child and adolescent development and *how they apply to education and human services*. Because research suggests that the act of retrieving information on a regular basis aids in retention, there will be 2-3 questions given at the end of class each Tuesday. They represent the primary learning undertaken that week and should be used to create a study guide. These questions will become part of the final exam.

***Course Format:** Because the focus of this class is on an applied understanding of how children and youth develop cognitively, emotionally, and socially, all topics will be taught through interdisciplinary and multicultural perspectives. The topics listed below identify the main idea for each class session and will be discussed with an interdisciplinary lens. We will integrate findings from numerous related fields as we work to understand how theory enacts itself in the real lives of children and youth. To that end, class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during weeks 1 and 15. During weeks 2-14, class will meet on Tuesdays only. Students will spend Thursdays during weeks 3-14 in their service learning experience in order to observe ways in which Tuesday's content is manifested in the lives of children and youth. *

SCHEDULE/COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Topic	Readings & Assignments
1: August 30 & September 1, 2016	T: Introduction to brain development R: Social influences & multicultural perspectives on development	National Geographic article on the teenage brain
2: September 6, 2016	T: Vygotsky, the sociocultural perspective, and the influence of social contexts on behavior Service learning—Secure your site and fill out the appropriate paperwork	Vygotsky PDF Willingham, Chapter 1
3: September 13, 2016	T: Memory development (working and long-term) and information processing Service learning—Notice the children’s memory capacities and how they process information	Cowan PDF PDF on memory in general Willingham, Chapter 3
4: September 20, 2016	<i>Online Session:</i> Development of the four domains of literacy Service learning—Notice how the children use reading, writing, speaking, and listening to communicate and make meaning	Kuhl article Language Development PDF
5: September 27, 2016	T: Problem solving and metacognition Service learning—Observe how the children react to problems, challenges, and difficulties	Joseph & Strain article
6: October 4, 2016	<i>Online Session:</i> Problem solving and critical thinking Service learning—Observe whether and how the children employ the critical thinking strategies we discuss on Monday	Follow the instructions on Cougar Courses
7: October 11, 2016	T: Academic skills Service learning—Notice children’s attitudes toward achieving academically; Identify social influences on their academic work	Willingham, Chapters 2, 4, & 5
8: October 18, 2016	T: Development of identity: Self, ethnic, situational Service learning—Identify how the children appear to view themselves; Notice any social and multicultural influences	Klimstra article
9: October 25, 2016	T: Self-concept and self-esteem Service learning—Notice what value the children place on their abilities. Is that value influenced by their social, cultural, and linguistic identity?	Prothero article
10: November 1, 2016	<i>No formal class meeting</i> Spend the time at your service learning site and working on your interview write up	Due by 9:00 am (on CC): Interview write up
11: November 8, 2016	T: Motivation Service learning—Identify varying levels of motivation among the children. Think about the multicultural and social influences on their behavioral and/or academic choices	2 Daniels articles
12: November 15, 2016	T: Peer and friend relationships Service learning—Notice how the children interact with their peers; What appears to influence the decisions they make and the language they use with different individuals	No additional reading this week
13: November 22, 2016	<i>Online session:</i> Brain compatible learning Service learning—Think about why some children learn with relative ease while others struggle	Willingham, Chapters 6 & 7 Due Saturday, November 26 by 9 am (on CC): Write up of service learning experience
14: November 29, 2016	T: Brain-compatible learning (continued) Service learning—Identify social and multicultural influences on thinking and learning	

Week	Topic	Readings & Assignments
15: December 6 & 8, 2016	T: Intersections among research, practice, and reality R: Gallery Walk	Willingham, Chapter 9 Due Thursday, December 8: Service learning implications (Poster or presentation for Gallery Walk)
16: December 15, 2016	Final Exam (Online) Must be finished by 9:00 am on December 15, 2016.	

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW & SERVICE-LEARNING WRITE UP

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- 1.) How do the theories of cognitive development inform and/or influence service providers' interactions with their patients/students/clients?
- 2.) What outside influences such as environmental factors, cultural expectations, and family/sibling/friend relationships are evident on the patients/students/clients at your service-learning site? In other words, how do outside forces influence the choices you see being made?
- 3.) How do these outside influences affect the development of thought and reasoning within the patient/student/client?
- 4.) How do these outside influences affect the service providers' responses and their ability to address the needs of the patient/student/client?
- 5.) How will your understanding of the cognitive, emotional, and social development of the people (patients, students, clients, and service providers) you observe during your service learning experience inform and/or influence your interactions and decision-making processes within your future social and professional life?
- 6.) *For the interview with a child/adolescent in particular:* How will your observation and understanding of this child's cognitive, social, and emotional development inform and/or influence your interactions and decision-making process with other children of this age?

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR THE INTERVIEW WITH A CHILD OR ADOLESCENT

- 1.) What types of things do you like to do in your free time? How do you decide what to do when you have a choice?
- 2.) How do you feel about school? What is your favorite part? What is your least favorite part?
- 3.) Tell me about your family and friends.
- 4.) Do you have a best friend?
- 5.) What is the best part about having a good friend?
- 6.) What is something difficult about having a best friend?
- 7.) What is your favorite thing to do with your family?
- 8.) How do you solve disagreements with your friends?
- 9.) How do you respond when your parents won't allow you to do something you want to do or have something you want?
- 10.) Have you thought about what you want to be when you grow up? If you know what you want to be, what do you need to do while you are young in order to get ready to achieve that goal?

During one of your interview sessions, take time to "play" with your child or adolescent. Play a board game, outdoor sport etc. Observe their actions, question their choice of moves etc.

EXPLORING THEORETICAL CONSTRUCTS IN “REAL LIFE”

Concept	Behavior	Theoretical Analysis	Possible Adult Response
Vygotsky and the Socio-cultural perspective			
Development of Literacy			
Attention and Memory			
Academic skills and Problem solving			
Identity Development			
Social/Emotional Development			
Environmental and Contextual Influences			
Brain-based Learning			