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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.

Wood, C. (2007 or 2015) *Yardsticks: Children in the classroom, ages 4-14* Center for Responsive Schools, Inc.

Scholarly and applied articles from academic researchers and field practitioners are required and can be found in our Cougar Courses container free of charge.

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*).

Summer 2017: For this condensed course, there are two class sessions per day. Students missing two class sessions will see their grades reduced by one full grade. Students missing three 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 taken into considered on a case-by-case basis. However, notification of an absence, which is required, 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.

Use of Technology

Candidates are expected to demonstrate competency in the use of various forms of technology (i.e. word processing, electronic mail, Moodle, use of the Internet, and/or multimedia presentations). Specific requirements for course assignments with regard to technology are at the discretion of the instructor. Keep a digital copy of all assignments for use in your own professional portfolio. All assignments will be submitted online, with a final project submitted in hard copy in the form of a presentation poster. Details will be provided in class.

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 must utilize 12 point Times New Roman or Arial. Assignments may be double spaced. 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) format. 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
Reflections, Posts, Quick Writes (5 @ 2 pts each)	10
Interview with a Youth	16
Service Learning Report	20
Presentation-Poster -findings of Service learning	10
Final Exam (Online—Open book/open notes)	28
Attendance, Participation, Demeanor	16
Total Points	100

Assignment Overview

1. Interview With a Youth

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 specific interview questions and rubric.

2. Service Learning Experience Report

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 13 to hold your thinking if you find it useful (not required).] Rubric for this Report is found below the assignment detail.

3. Poster Presentation (Interview and Implications)

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 last 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*. Poster Presentation Rubric below assignment detail

4. Final Exam

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.

5. In-class Quick Writes, Group Investigations and Online Products

During class sessions as well as online sessions, the course requires active participation in online, individual and group activities. While the point value of these assignments is small, they add up and are required in order to earn an A. Students who do not participate in group work will lose double points.

***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 through 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.

EDUC 380 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE/COURSE OUTLINE –Spring 2019

Week #	Topic	Readings & Assignments
1	Introduction to brain development	Nat Geo article: the teenage brain
2	M: Social influences & multicultural perspectives on development, Vygotsky, the sociocultural perspective, and the influence of social contexts on behavior W: Vygotsky cont'd, Service learning—Secure your site and complete/submit the appropriate paperwork	Vygotsky PDF Willingham, Chapter 1
3	M: 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	M: Development of the four domains of literacy Service learning prompt—Notice how the children use reading, writing, speaking, and listening to communicate and make meaning	Kuhl article Language Development PDF
5	M: Problem solving and metacognition Service learning prompt —Observe how the children react to problems, challenges, and difficulties	Joseph & Strain article
6	M: Problem solving and critical thinking Service learning prompt —Observe whether and how the children employ the critical thinking strategies we discuss on Monday	Follow the instructions on Cougar Courses
7	M: Academic skills Service learning prompt —Notice children's attitudes toward achieving academically; Identify social influences on their academic work	Willingham, Chapters 2, 4, & 5
8	M: Development of identity: Self, ethnic, situational Service learning prompt —Identify how the children appear to view themselves; Notice any social and multicultural influences	Klimstra article
9	<i>Interview due!</i> Class Worktime	Prothero article
10	M: Self-concept and self-esteem Service learning prompt —Notice what value the children place on their abilities. Is that value influenced by their social, cultural, and linguistic identity?	
11	M: Motivation Service learning prompt —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	M: Peer and friend relationships Service learning prompt —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	M: Brain compatible learning Service learning prompt —Think about why some children learn with relative ease while others struggle	Willingham, Chapters 6 & 7 Due: Service Learning Experience Report
14	M: Brain-compatible learning (continued) Service learning prompt —Identify social and multicultural influences on thinking and learning	Willingham, Chapter 9
15	M: Intersections among research, practice, and reality-Test prep PPT Gallery Walk -- Service learning implications	Due in Class: Poster or laptop presentation for Gallery Walk
16	Final Exam (Online) Must be finished by 11:59pm on 12/18/19.	

Assignment Detail

EDUC 380 INTERVIEW WITH A YOUTH

QUESTIONS FOR THE INTERVIEW WITH A CHILD OR ADOLESCENT

Answer ALL questions—this may require more than one visit with the child/adolescent. Numbered answers are best, and the response must be complete and descriptive of the interaction—a short paragraph to describe the conversation and your connection to the text/developmental level of the child.

- 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 and make note of their actions, question their choice of moves etc.

EDUC 380 Rubric for Interview with a Youth Assignment

Topic	Excellent (4 points each)	Developing (3 points)	Needs improvement (1 pt)
Description of the child or adolescent	The author begins the paper with a detailed introduction to the child or adolescent. The description includes information about the youth's home/family life, school experiences,	The author begins the paper with an introduction to the child or adolescent. Some information about the youth is included, but details about his/her	There is either NO introduction to the child or adolescent or it is incomplete.

	likes/dislikes, and peer relationships.	home and school lives, peer experiences, and interest may be missing.	
Theories that explain cognitive, social, and emotional development in youth	A discussion of the theories learned in the course is clear and descriptive. Key principles are synthesized, not summarized, and demonstrate that the student understands them.	A discussion of theories learned in the course is present but may be incomplete or paraphrased from the readings. The student does not demonstrate his/her understanding of the theories.	Limited or vague discussion of the theories learned in the course.
Connections between the theoretical constructs and the lived experiences of the youth	There are clear and obvious connections drawn between theories learned in the course and the youth's responses to interview questions. There is an explanation as to how the theoretical constructs might explain the youth's actions and thinking.	Connections are drawn between the theoretical constructs learned in the course and the youth's responses, but those connections are vague or superficial.	Limited or vague connections are made.
Conventions of language	Writing is clear and provides coherent transitions from one big idea to the next. Each paragraph discusses one main idea. There are very few (if any) spelling, punctuation, or grammar mistakes.	Writing is clear, and transitions to show one idea leads to the next are usually employed. There may be some spelling, punctuation, or grammatical mistakes, but they do not detract from the overall meaning.	Ideas not organized into a coherent flow, and there are few transitions to move the reader through the paper. There are multiple spelling, punctuation, and/or grammatical mistakes.

SERVICE-LEARNING REPORT ASSIGNMENT DETAIL

Address the following questions in the report. Do NOT number your responses; however, address all questions for a better score. Students may draw from this report to complete the Poster presentation.

- 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?

RUBRIC FOR SERVICE LEARNING REPORT AND GUIDE FOR POSTER

Topic	Excellent	Developing	Needs Improvement
Description of service learning placement	The author begins the paper with a detailed description of the service learning site. The description includes information about the site itself, his/her role at the site, and the adults & youth with whom he/she worked.	The author begins the paper with a description of the service learning site. Some information about the site is included, but details about his/her role and the adults & youth with whom he/she worked may be missing.	There is either no description of the site or it is incomplete.
Theories that explain cognitive, social, and emotional development in youth	A discussion of the theories learned in the course is clear and descriptive. Key principles are synthesized, not summarized, and demonstrate that the student understands them. The discussion is similar to the one in the <i>Interview</i> assignment but reflects new understandings based on additional learning.	A discussion of theories learned in the course is present but may be incomplete or paraphrased from the readings. The student does not demonstrate his/her understanding of the theories. The discussion is the same as or similar to the one in the <i>Interview</i> assignment and does NOT reflect new understandings.	Limited or vague discussion of the theories learned in the course.

Connections between the theoretical constructs and observations & experiences during service learning	There are clear and obvious connections drawn between theories learned in the course and events that occurred throughout service learning. There is an explanation as to how the theoretical constructs might explain the youth's actions and thinking.	Connections are drawn between the theoretical constructs learned in the course and events that occurred throughout service learning, but those connections are vague or superficial.	Limited or vague connections are made.
Synthesis and discussion of further impact	The author synthesizes his/her learning from the semester in a way that demonstrates understanding of the way that theoretical constructs influence the decisions that children and adolescents make. He/she explains how this learning will impact future actions and decisions.	The author synthesizes his/her learning from the semester in a way that suggests understanding of how theoretical constructs influence the decisions that children and adolescents make. There is little discussion of how this learning will impact future actions and decisions.	There is little to no synthesis or discussion of further impact.
Conventions of language	Writing is clear and provides coherent transitions from one big idea to the next. Each paragraph discusses one main idea. There are very few (if any) spelling, punctuation, or grammar mistakes.	Writing is clear, and transitions to show one idea leads to the next are usually employed. There may be some spelling, punctuation, or grammatical mistakes, but they do not detract from the overall meaning.	Ideas are not organized into a coherent flow, and there are few transitions to move the reader through the paper. There are multiple spelling, punctuation, and/or grammatical mistakes.

Exploring Theoretical Constructs in “Real Life” for Review

Concept	Behaviors	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			

Poster Presentation Assignment Detail & Rubric

The purpose of this is to highlight field experience findings, to draw together to share culmination of work in the field, and to synthesize the impact of the experience on personal growth.

Topic	Excellent	Developing	Needs Improvement
Description of service learning placement	The author begins the paper with a detailed description of the service learning site. The description includes information about the site itself, his/her role at the site, and the adults & youth with whom he/she worked.	The author begins the paper with a description of the service learning site. Some information about the site is included, but details about his/her role and the adults & youth may be missing.	There is either no description of the site or it is incomplete.
Describes the developmental aspects of the students	A discussion of the theories learned in the course is clear and descriptive. Key principles are synthesized, not summarized, and demonstrate that the student understands them. The discussion is similar to the one in the <i>Interview</i> assignment but reflects new understandings based on additional learning.	A discussion of theories learned in the course is present but incomplete or paraphrased from readings. There is no demonstration his/her understanding of the theories. The discussion is the same/similar to the one in the <i>Interview</i> assignment and does NOT reflect new understanding.	Limited or vague discussion of the theories learned in the course.
Cognitive growth; observations & experiences of student growth during service learning	There are clear and obvious connections drawn between theories in the course and events that occurred throughout service learning. There is an explanation as to how the theoretical constructs might explain the youth's actions and thinking.	Connections are drawn between the theoretical constructs learned in the course and events that occurred throughout service learning, but those connections are vague or superficial.	Limited or vague connections are made.
Findings and synthesis of learning	The author synthesizes his/her learning from the term which demonstrates understanding of the way that theoretical constructs influence the decisions that children and adolescents make. He/she explains how this learning will impact future actions and decisions.	The author synthesizes his/her learning from the term which suggests understanding of how theoretical constructs influence the decisions that children and adolescents make. There is little discussion of how this will impact decisions.	There is little to no synthesis or discussion of further impact.
Professional Presentation	Poster or presentation is thoughtfully designed, well laid out, with written portions in 16-18 font so as to be easily read from a distance. Headings are clear and in a larger font. Background colors are complementary and professional. Photos of site and students	Writing is clear, and presentation is designed with some care. Large font and separate headings are apparent. Colors are moderately professional. Some photos	Poster or presentation is assembled "last minute" with little thought to the layout, font size and/or content. No photos