

Theories of Child Development

Learning Outcomes and Course Checklist

Course Overview

(3 hours) Online Self-Paced – Open Enrollment * We will begin by exploring some basic principles of child development and learning about five theories that influence the field of early care and education programs. Early care and education theorists are the people who develop ideas and beliefs about how children grow and learn. Theorists use a variety of methods in developing their ideas including observations of children. Early care and education theories may include ideas about education, social development, health, physical development, and language development. Early childhood caregivers and teachers look to the various theories to provide the foundations for working with young children. As an early care and education professional you will use the theories in your work with children. After you have gained experience and learned more about early education, you will use the theories to form your own philosophy of early childhood education.

Level 2

- Washington STARS credit: Child Growth, Development, and Learning (3 hours)
- CDA Content Area: Principles of Child Growth and Development (3 hours)

Objectives:

- Describe the 12 principles of child development.
- Define developmentally appropriate practice.
- Explain the 12 developmentally appropriate teaching strategies to implement.
- Explain the core idea of each of the theorists discussed in the orientation.

This checklist is for your reference only, and using it is optional. You may print or save it to your computer to use to track your progress.

COURSE CHECKLIST

1. Introduction
2. Learning Outcomes and Course Menu
3. Basic Concepts of Child Development
4. Theorists: Erikson (1902-1994)
5. Discussion: Applying Your Knowledge Erikson (1/6)
6. Theorists Montessori
7. Video: Introduction to Montessori
8. Lesson Plan Example Shell Cleaning
9. Lesson Plan Example Ten Bars and Unit Beads
10. Lesson Plan Example Sand Tray Prewriting
11. Discussion: Applying Your Knowledge Montessori (2/6)
12. Theorists: Jean Piaget
13. Video: Jean Piaget
14. Discussion: Applying Your Knowledge Jean Piaget (3/6)
15. Theorists Vygotsky
16. Video: Vygotsky
17. Discussion Applying Your Knowledge Vygotsky (4/6)
18. Theorists Reggio Emilia Approach
19. Video: Reggio Emilia Approach
20. Discussion: Theorists (5/6)
21. Worksheet: Theories of Child Development (6/6)
22. Parking Lot
23. Evaluation Form

GETTING HELP

Student Support Hours

Monday - Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

For information on help, go to: <http://www.starsclassesonline.com/getting-help.html>

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CERTIFICATES

This is a LEVEL 2 Course.

If your assignments were adequately completed, you should expect that the turnaround time will be less than 24 hours from the time which you submit the evaluation form until you receive your certificate by email. If you did not adequately complete the assignments, the trainer will send you an email requesting that the coursework be redone. Be sure to watch for emails from one of our trainers.

If you do not receive your certificate within 24 hours from when you submit the evaluation form, check your junk mail or spam folder. If the certificate email is lost in cyberspace, we will not know that you did not receive it. You will need to provide us with a different email address, such as a new Yahoo email account, to receive your certificate. Please be aware that Wavecable and Comcast especially seem to have difficulties receiving our emails with the certificates attached. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.