## **INFANT & TODDLER DEVELOPMENT**

## **Course Description:**

Infant and Toddler Development will provide students with a strong understanding of the process of growth and change in children, beneficial to those planning to raise children or interested in working with children in any capacity in a future career. Topics covered include: Thinking about Children, Parenting & Families, Understanding Child Development Theories, Prenatal Development, Preparing for Birth and the Birth Process. Understanding and Caring for infants. Development during the First Year, and Development from Ages One to Three.

As evidenced based on classroom assessments, the student is able to:

LT.1	Identify the role of culture in caregiving practices
LT.2	Describe culturally sensitive infant and toddler care
LT.3	Discuss contemporary family trends and relationships
LT.4	Identify the domains of development
LT.5	Identify the milestones of infants and toddlers in all developmental domains
LT.6	Describe brain development of infants and toddlers
LT.7	Describe attachment as it relates to development
LT.8	Explain the human reproductive process
LT.9	Explain stages of labor and childbirth
LT.10	Identify stages of prenatal development
LT.11	Describe the effect of prenatal conditions on development
LT.12	Explain the importance of theories in assessing development
LT.13	Identify developmental theories
LT.14	Compare developmental theories
LT.15	Contrast developmental theories
LT.16	Describe the effects of heredity on development
LT.17	Discuss the effects of the environment on development
LT.18	Identify connections among care-giving routines, curriculum, attachment, and
	brain development
LT.19	Explain why care-giving routines are the curriculum in infant and toddler programs
LT.20	Explain how learning occurs through care-giving routines
LT.21	Explain how to provide culturally sensitive care
LT.22	Describe a developmentally appropriate environment
LT.23	Describe caregiver responsibility in prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
	(SIDS), Shaken Baby Syndrome, etc.
LT.24	Describe brain growth and functions
LT.25	Explain the impact of the environment, including the effects of toxic stress on brain
	development
LT.26	Identify optimal and critical periods of brain development
LT.27	Define routines and transitions
LT.28	Identify teaching strategies and techniques that support children and programming

Describe the common elements of the daily schedule
List the criteria of a developmentally appropriate schedule
Explain the impact of transitions and routines within early childhood programming
Plan developmentally appropriate transitions and routines
Describe opportunities for learning within the daily routines and schedules
Describe the individual need-based schedule for infants and toddlers
Identify the types and purposes of developmental screening tools (ASQ-Ages and
Stages Questionnaire)
Identify the types and purposes of environmental screening tools (ITERS, FCCERS)
Compare and contrast research based tools with informal tools

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