

DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2026

CD 1000 (EC): Child Development 1– 3 (3.75-0-0) 45 Hours for 12 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday evenings 6:00 – 7:00 pm or by appointment

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This is an introductory course providing insight into children's development from conception to age two. This course provides an overview of principles, domains, and major theories of children's development and influences on development during the prenatal and neonatal stages, as well as during infancy and toddlerhood. The relationship between theory and practice in infant-toddler programs is also examined.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None.

RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Students are responsible for all fees associated with ProctorU, a live proctoring service for online exams. Fees are paid when you schedule your exams through ProctorU.

Pricing per exam is as follows:

60 minutes or less - \$16 USD

61-120 minutes - \$25 USD

121 - 180 minutes - \$31 USD

DELIVERY MODE(S): Online

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

On completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the term child development, some principles of human development, and how knowledge of these assist practitioners in their work with young children.
2. Discuss child development from the following theoretical perspectives: biological, psychodynamic, learning, cognitive-developmental, and contextual.
3. Describe the stages of prenatal development as well as typical growth at each stage and explain how genetic and environmental factors interact to influence the development of the unborn child.
4. Identify major milestones in the physical growth and development of children from 0-2 years of age, with particular emphasis on brain development, as well as factors and strategies that may influence physical development.
5. Describe the cognitive development of children from 0-2 years of age and factors which may influence this development.
6. Describe the psychosocial development of children from 0-2 years of age and factors which may influence this development.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions.

Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

EVALUATIONS:

Grades will be given based on the following-

Learning Activities 15%

Assignments 75%

Discussion Boards 10%

GRADING CRITERIA: A minimum grade of C- is required to pass this course.

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less** than C-.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

The timeline for this course will follow a schedule of due dates for each unit of work. This can be found within the course under 'Important Information'.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: NWP expects students' conduct to be in accordance with basic rights and responsibilities. Please refer to the NWP calendar regarding rights and responsibilities.

In addition,

1. Students must be familiar with the Distance Education Student Handbook, and any regulations, policies and student conduct that apply to students studying via online delivery, as outlined in the calendar.
2. Meet all submission deadlines.
3. Participate in on-line discussion boards.
4. **To have computer hardware and software that meets standards set for online delivery.**

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

Additional Information: USING PROCTORU:

This course uses ProctorU Live for online exams. To utilize this service, you are required to complete the following steps:

- Create a ProctorU account by clicking the ProctorU link in the course.
- Download and install the Guardian Web Browser, Google Chrome, and the ProctorU extension.
- Schedule each exam at least 3 days (72 hours) in advance. If you miss this deadline, you cannot take the exam.
- Pay for the proctoring service. The fees are exclusively your responsibility and in no event shall be the responsibility of Northwestern Polytechnic.

For more detailed instructions [click here](#), and for video instructions [click here](#).

Before each exam, you must complete a room scan with your web camera, during which you will show your surroundings to a live proctor.

The invigilator will ask to view (but not collect or store) your student identification to verify your identity and will remotely access your computer to unlock the exam. When monitoring your actions via video streaming, the invigilator may possibly record your actions if they suspect academic integrity behavioural issues. You will be verbally notified if/when recording begins.

The collection of and access to the personal information listed above is permitted under subsection 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, RSA 2000, c F-25, which states, “No personal information may be collected by or for a public body unless that information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the public body.” In addition, subsection 39(4) states, “A public body may use personal information only to the extent necessary to enable the public body to carry out its purpose in a reasonable manner.”

Records Retention: Any video records of you created by ProctorU will be kept by ProctorU for a maximum of 7 days in order to make a decision about any possible academic integrity infraction, after which time it shall be permanently deleted. All other personal information collected and stored by ProctorU within your profile account will be permanently deleted if the account has not been used after one year.

Consent to Store Personal Information Outside Canada

ProctorU is an American company. An agreement is in place between ProctorU and Northwestern Polytechnic by which ProctorU will take reasonable steps to protect your personal information from unauthorized access and disclosure. Information about how ProctorU protects your privacy can be found in their [Privacy Policy](#).



By using the ProctorU service via Northwestern Polytechnic, you consent to the storage of and access to your personal information outside of Canada.

This consent is in effect from the day you register with ProctorU and expires one year after completion of your exam.

Additional privacy and liability information regarding the use of ProctorU is available on the NWP website.