**Early Childhood Education Assistant Certificate**

**ECEA 101: Child Growth and Development**

Term: Online Asynchronous Duration: 4 weeks – 13 weeks (50 hours) Instructor: Dr. Hilda Freimuth Email: [hfreimuth@tru.ca](mailto:hfreimuth@tru.ca) Office Hours: Online by appointment

## **Course Description**

This course aims to give students a basic understanding of the growth and development of a child from birth to age 18 across key developmental stages in the social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language, and cultural domains. Both historical and modern theoretical approaches will be examined, highlighting the major milestones in development while also recognizing growth and development as a holistic and interdependent process with many individual variations. The course will also examine the influence of children’s personalities, abilities, learning styles, and communication styles on the developmental process, while also underscoring markers in developmental delays, reasons for these, and their related risks. An entire module is also dedicated to how culture influences the developmental process of children and the need for a cross-cultural lens as an early childhood educator.

## **Educational Objectives/Learning Outcomes**

Successful completion of this course will enable students to:

1. Describe key developmental stages of children in various domains

2. Describe different theoretical approaches to development

3. Describe individual variations of growth and the factors that influence these

4. Describe developmental delays and their related risks in children

5. Describe how culture influences the above learning outcomes

6. Critically reflect on a variety of media content related to child growth and development

7. Critically reflect on and interpret their own learning in this course.

8. Critically reflect on their own perspective on child growth to help guide their practice

## **Prerequisites**

High school diploma/graduation or GED

English proficiency of IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

18 years of age

## **Required Texts**

Ebook (PDF): https://ebooksbasic.com/product/child-development-and-education-7th-edition ![A group of children smiling for a photo

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## **Student Evaluation & Assessment**

Module 1 (10 hours): An Introduction to Child Development 20% 2 Assignments

Module 2 (15 hours): Periods and Theories of Child Development 30% 6 Assignments

Module 3 (15 hours): Individual Variations of Growth and Factors 30% 3 Assignments Module 4 (10 hours): The Influence of Culture 20% 2 Assignments