



ECED602

Early Childhood Development

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to MTeach(Birth to Five Years) or GradCertEChild

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines major theories and current issues in child development and the application of developmental theory to educational practice. It provides students with an understanding of how theory and cultural assumptions influence practice and how to recognise the implications of theory and research for teaching. The initial part of the unit is concerned with theories of development and the middle to latter sections deal with domains of development and areas of specific interest in child development for the early childhood years.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Acquire an understanding of the many and varying influences important to the development of a child.

Develop an appreciation of the whole child through exploring the links between different dimensions of child growth and development.

Demonstrate autonomy and adaptability as a teacher of young children through a thorough knowledge of child development theories and links with practical applications.

Demonstrate awareness and respect for cultural, historical and contextual influences on child.

Analyse critically links between theory, research and practice to explore the biological underpinnings of development including individual differences.

General Assessment Information

When preparing your assignments, it is essential that:

- Students regularly save a copy of all assignments before submission,
- Unless there are exceptional circumstances, no assessment will be accepted after the date that the assessment has been returned to other students.
- If an assessment is considered to be below passing standard, another staff member on the unit will provide a second opinion. No failed assessment may be re-submitted.

Please follow these guidelines when submitting written assignments:

- Allow a left and right-hand margin of at least 2cm in all assignments.
- Please type all assignments using 12-point font and 1.5 spacing.
- All assessments must be submitted through Turnitin in .doc or .pdf format for submission.
- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all assessments are successfully submitted through Turnitin.
- Faculty assignment cover sheets are NOT required.

Draft Submissions & Turnitin Originality Reports

- Students may use Turnitin's Originality Report as a learning tool to improve their academic writing if this option is made available in the Unit.

Final Submissions

- Students are responsible for checking that their submission has been successful and has been submitted by the due date and time.
- **Do not contact staff asking them to check your submission.**
- Late submissions due to last minute technical difficulties may incur a lateness penalty.
- Your assignment will be marked based on what is received – any omissions will not be accepted after your submission. Please check very carefully.

Extensions and Late Penalties

Applications for extensions must be made via AskMQ at <https://ask.mq.edu.au> as a "Special Consideration" request before the submission date. Students who experience a disruption to

their studies through ill-health or misadventure are able to apply for this request. *Extensions can only be granted if they meet the Disruption to Studies policy and are submitted via ask.mq.edu.au.* This will ensure consistency in the consideration of such requests is maintained.

In general, there should be no need for extensions except through illness or misadventure that would be categorised as **unavoidable disruption** according to the University definition of same, and currently available at:

<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration>

Late submissions without extension will receive a penalty of 5% reduction of the total possible mark for each day late (including weekends and public holidays). You are reminded that submitting even just 1 day late could be the difference between passing and failing a unit. Late penalties are applied by unit convenors or their delegates after tasks are assessed.

No assessable work will be accepted after the return/release of marked work on the same topic. If a student is still permitted to submit on the basis of unavoidable disruption, an alternative topic may be set.

Students should keep an electronic file of all assessments. Claims regarding "lost" assessments cannot be made if the file cannot be produced. It is also advisable to keep an electronic file of all drafts and the final submission on a USB untouched/unopened after submission. This can be used to demonstrate easily that the assessment has not been amended after the submission date.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Learning Activity 1 - Theories</u>	20%	No	25 March
<u>PeerWise Task 1</u>	5%	No	5 April
<u>Quiz 1</u>	15%	No	9 April
<u>Learning Activity 2</u>	40%	No	20 May
<u>PeerWise Task 2</u>	5%	No	7 June
<u>Quiz 2</u>	15%	No	12 June

Learning Activity 1 - Theories

Due: **25 March**

Weighting: **20%**

“Key Understandings of Two Major Theories”

What is your understanding of theories of development? Listen to the lectures from Weeks 1 and

2 and read Peterson's (2015) Chapters 1 and 2. Select two theories to focus on and read the key readings concerning these. In 800 words outline your understandings of these theories. What are the key aspects of their explanation of human development? Describe whether the theories are consistent with your observations of development.

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PeerWise Task 1

Due: **5 April**

Weighting: **5%**

Students in ECED602 will use PeerWise to create, share and evaluate multiple choice quiz questions. PeerWise is designed to help students consolidate course content and prepare for the two Quiz assessment tasks.

PeerWise Task 1: Upload minimum of 1 multiple choice question per lecture for Topics 1 to 12. Evaluation of 10 questions written by other students.

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Quiz 1

Due: **9 April**

Weighting: **15%**

30 questions - multiple choice questions; True/False; matching terms – worth 0.5 marks each

Questions drawn from lectures and readings for Topics 1-12 inclusive (Key debates in child development to Perception)

Open Book (notes, lecture slides and textbooks)

Note: Online quizzes are an individual assessment task and **MUST BE COMPLETED by each student individually**.

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Learning Activity 2

Due: **20 May**

Weighting: **40%**

Understanding & Supporting Development - 1500 word essay submitted online

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PeerWise Task 2

Due: **7 June**

Weighting: **5%**

PeerWise Task 2: Upload minimum of 1 multiple choice question per lecture topic for Lectures 13 to 23. Evaluation of 10 questions written by other students.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Acquire an understanding of the many and varying influences important to the development of a child.
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Quiz 2

Due: **12 June**

Weighting: **15%**

30 questions - multiple choice questions; True/False; matching terms – worth 0.5 marks each

Questions drawn from lectures and readings for Lectures 13-23 inclusive (Cognition to Social development)

Open Book (notes, lecture slides and textbooks)

Note: Online quizzes are an individual assessment task and **MUST BE COMPLETED by each student individually.**

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Delivery and Resources

Relevant Documents

The information in this *Unit Guide* must be read in conjunction with the following documents available for download from iLearn:

- *Unit Outline (including weekly reading schedule and full assessment details)*

Electronic Communication

During semester time, staff may contact students using the following ways:

- *Dialogue* function on iLearn
- Official *MQ Student Email* Address

It is the student's responsibility to check all electronic communication on a regular weekly basis.

Required Texts:

Peterson, C. (2015). *Looking forward through the lifespan. Developmental psychology: Birth to middle childhood*. (Custom edition). Sydney: Pearson.

Highly Recommended:

Crain, W. (2016). *Theories of child development: Concepts and applications* (6th ed.). London: Pearson.

Learning and Teaching Methods:

The main method of delivery of unit content is via weekly lectures and tasks in iLearn. The lectures are not presented during class time, but are available from the ECED602 web site under each weekly section. You **must** make time to listen to the lectures and take notes. The lecture schedule in this unit guide provides dates for lectures to be completed to ensure you are prepared for your class. ***Internal students must complete all lectures for the topics covered in weeks 1 -2 before attending your first class on 5 March (week 2)***, and, on average, complete 2-3 topics each week of semester.

- Ensure that you are listening to your lectures regularly and completing the associated readings. The material in this unit is complex and cannot be rushed. Set yourself weekly times to ensure that you complete your topics each week.

This series of recorded lectures, along with accompanying lecture notes and textbook readings, are the core study material. Seminars, tasks and assessments have been developed specifically to facilitate understanding of the lectures and readings. See the lecture schedule for more details.

External students will have the opportunity to complete weekly seminar tasks at the **voluntary** on campus day (Saturday 7 April). Much of the seminar material is also presented within the weekly tasks for those unable to attend.

Withdrawing from this PG Unit

If you are considering withdrawing from this unit, please seek academic advice by writing to pg.educ_iec@mq.edu.au before doing so as this unit may be a co-requisite or prerequisite for units in the following semesters and may impact on your progression through the degree.

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic	Lecturer	Internal Seminar
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Key Theories and Research Methods			
Week 1: 26 February	1. Key debates in child development	Dr Helen Little	NO seminar in Week 1
	2. Maturation/Ethology	Dr Helen Little	
	3. Psychoanalytic theory	Dr Helen Little	
	4. Learning/ Behaviourism	Dr Helen Little	
Week 2: 5 March	5. Cognitive Theories	Dr Shirley Wyver	Introduction to child development and theories of development
	6. Ecological systems theory	Dr Helen Little	
	7. Dynamic systems	Dr Helen Little	
Foundations of Development			
Week 3: 12 March	8. Research Methods	Dr Shirley Wyver	Research methods
	9. Genetic Contributions	Dr Helen Little	Genetics and prenatal development
	10. Prenatal Development	Dr Helen Little	
Learning Activity 1 Due 25 March			
Week 4: 19 March	11. Physical and motor development	Dr Helen Little	Physical and motor development
Week 5: 26 March	12. Perception	Dr Shirley Wyver	Perception
Week 6: 2 April	PeerWise task 1 to be completed by Thursday 5 April (Week 6) NO Classes due to Easter		
Above Lecture Content & Readings covered in Online Quiz 1, Monday 9 April (Week 7)			
Domains of Development			
Week 7: 9 April	13. Cognition	Dr Carol Newall	Cognition
Week 8: 30 April	14. Language Development	Dr Helen Little	Language development
	15. Joint Attention	Dr Shirley Wyver	Joint Attention

Week 9: 7 May	16. Theory of Mind	Dr Shirley Wyver	Theory of Mind
	17. Gender	Dr Carol Newall	Gender
Learning Activity 2 Due Sunday 20 May			
Week 10: 14 May	18. Temperament	Dr Helen Little	NO seminar this week
	19. Attachment	Dr Carol Newall	
Week 11: 21 May	20. Emotional development	Dr Carol Newall	Attachment
	19. Parenting	Dr Carol Newall	Temperament
			Emotional Development
Week 12: 28 May	20. Peer relationships	Dr Helen Little	Parenting
	21. Social Development	Dr Helen Little	Peers
			Social development
Week 13: 4 June	PeerWise task 2 to be completed by Thursday 7 June		NO class this week
Above Lecture Content & Readings Covered in Quiz 2, Tuesday 12 June			

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Learning Activity 1 - Theories
- Learning Activity 2

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Analyse critically links between theory, research and practice to explore the biological underpinnings of development including individual differences.

Assessment tasks

- PeerWise Task 1
- Quiz 1
- Learning Activity 2
- PeerWise Task 2
- Quiz 2

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Assessment tasks

- Learning Activity 1 - Theories
- PeerWise Task 1
- Quiz 1
- Learning Activity 2
- PeerWise Task 2
- Quiz 2

Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Assessment tasks

- Learning Activity 1 - Theories
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- Learning Activity 2
- PeerWise Task 2
- Quiz 2

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Assessment task

- Learning Activity 2

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Demonstrate autonomy and adaptability as a teacher of young children through a thorough knowledge of child development theories and links with practical applications.
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Assessment tasks

- Learning Activity 1 - Theories
- PeerWise Task 1
- Learning Activity 2
- PeerWise Task 2
- Quiz 2

Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Demonstrate awareness and respect for cultural, historical and contextual influences on child.

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Demonstrate awareness and respect for cultural, historical and contextual influences on child.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
01/03/2018	Correct of dates for internal seminars in Weeks 10-13.