



North Central State College

MASTER SYLLABUS

2026-2027

A. Academic Division: Liberal Arts

B. Discipline: Education

C. Course Number and Title: EDUT1070 Introduction to Child Development

D. Assistant Dean: Laura D. Irmer

E. Credit Hours:

Lecture: 3

Laboratory: None

F. Prerequisites: None

G. Last Course/Curriculum Revision Date: Fall 2025

Origin date: 05/05/2012

H. Textbook(s) Title:

Effective Practices in Early Childhood Education: Building a Foundation

Author: Sue Bredekamp, Gail E. Joseph

- Copyright Year: 2019
- Edition: 5th
- ISBN: 9780137848911

I. Workbook(s) and/or Lab Manual: None

J. Course Description: This course addresses both typical and atypical child development from birth through age eight. The course provides an overview of early childhood theorists. Studying early childhood development is essential to becoming an effective teacher of young children. The importance of understanding the interrelationship of the physical, cognitive, social, emotional, language, and aesthetic domains is also addressed. Developmental domains are presented with examples drawn from a variety of authentic experiences. The course also highlights the diversity of child development, preparing professionals to meet the unique needs of children from a wide variety of backgrounds. This course perspective prepares adults to meet the distinct needs of every child.

K. College-Wide Learning Outcomes

College-Wide Learning Outcome	Assessments - - How it is met & When it is met
Communication – Written	Written Communication VALUE Rubric – Research Paper
Communication – Speech	
Intercultural Knowledge and Competence	
Critical Thinking	
Information Literacy	
Quantitative Literacy	

L. Course Outcomes and Assessment Methods:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall:

Outcomes	Assessments – How it is met & When it is met
1. Analyze the characteristics of children that cause them to act very differently from adults in language, interactions, understanding, emotional response, and motivation—drawing from life observations and recognizing the role of cultural influences.	Chapter Quizzes - Weekly Video Reflection -Mid Course Discussion Board -throughout course Observation – End Course Midterm Exam – Final Exam –
2. Describe the typical or atypical development of children through the interrelation and influence of developmental domains.	Chapter Quizzes - Weekly Video Reflection - Mid Course Observation - End Course Midterm Exam – Final Exam –
3. Identify influential theories of development and learning and their implications for teaching young children including maturationist, psychoanalytic, cognitive-development, sociocultural, behaviorist, information processing, and ecological systems.	Chapter Quizzes - Weekly Video Reflection -Mid Course Research Activities – Mid/End Course Midterm Exam – Final Exam –
4. Explain evidence for the influence of both nature and nurture in children’s learning and development.	Chapter Quizzes - Weekly Video Reflection -Mid Course Research Assignment – End Course Evaluation Play – Mid/End Course Midterm Exam – Final Exam –
5. Describe how early learning environments and play influence the positive developmental characteristics and accomplishments from birth through age 8.	Chapter Quizzes - Weekly Video Reflection -Mid Course Discussion Board Midterm Exam – Final Exam –
6. Discuss the importance of relationships between families, professionals, and caregivers in promoting development.	Chapter Quizzes - Weekly Video Reflection -Mid Course Activities – Mid/End Course Discussion Board – End Course Midterm Exam – Final Exam –
7. Explain a variety of research strategies in child development and assessment.	Chapter Quizzes - Weekly Video Reflection -Mid Course Research Assignment -End of term Discussion Board – Mid Course Midterm Exam – Final Exam –

M. Recommended Grading Scale:

NUMERIC	GRADE	POINTS	DEFINITION
93–100	A	4.00	Superior
90–92	A-	3.67	Superior
87–89	B+	3.33	Above Average
83–86	B	3.00	Above Average
80–82	B-	2.67	Above Average
77–79	C+	2.33	Average
73–76	C	2.00	Average
70–72	C-	1.67	Below Average
67–69	D+	1.33	Below Average
63–66	D	1.00	Below Average
60–62	D-	0.67	Poor
00–59	F	0.00	Failure

N. College Procedures/Policies:

North Central State College believes that every student is a valued and equal member of the community. * Every student brings different experiences to the College, and all are important in enriching academic life and developing greater understanding and appreciation of one another. Therefore, NC State College creates an inclusive culture in which students feel comfortable sharing their experiences. Discrimination and prejudice have no place on the campus, and the College takes any complaint in this regard seriously. Students encountering aspects of the instruction that result in barriers to their sense of being included and respected should contact the instructor, assistant dean, or dean without fear of reprisal.

- *Inclusive of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, national origin (ancestry), military status (past, present or future), disability, age (40 years or older), status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent, genetic information, or sexual orientation*

Important information regarding College Procedures and Policies can be found on the syllabus supplement located at

<https://ncstatecollege.edu/documents/President/PoliciesProcedures/PolicyManual/Final%20PDFs/14081b.pdf>



North Central State College SYLLABUS ADDENDUM

Academic Division:	<u>Liberal Arts</u>	Discipline:	<u>Education</u>
Course Coordinator:	<u>Teri Brannum</u>		
Course Number:	<u>1070-920</u>	Course Title:	<u>Introduction to Child Development</u>
Semester / Session:	<u>Fall 2026 / Session A</u>	Start / End Date:	<u>8/17/26 – 10/9/26</u>

Instructor Information

Name:	<u>Teri Brannum</u>	Credentials:	<u>MS Education/BA Elementary Ed/ AA Early Childhood</u>
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Office Location:	<u>On-line</u>	Office Hours:	<u>Tues-Thurs 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Phone, College Zoom link,</u>

I. Topical Timeline (Subject to Change):

Week	Course Topic	Readings and Videos	Assignments are due as noted in the assignment instructions.
Week 1 Aug. 17 – 21	Foundation of Early Childhood Education	Introduction Discussion Syllabus Run Hide Fight – Video Child Care Profession – Video 1.1 Brain Research – Video 1.3 Reading Chapter 1	• Discussion Board- <i>Ice Breaker</i> • Syllabus Scavenger Hunt – Quiz • Run Hide Fight – Quiz • Child Care Profession Video 1.1 • Brain Research Video 1.3 ◦ Reflection • Quiz – Chapter 1
Week 2 Aug.24 – 28	Continued – Foundation of Early Childhood Education	Reading Chapter 2 Reading Chapter 3 <i>Instructions for Theorist Research</i> Conscious Discipline –Video Bev Bailey	• Developmental Theories ◦ <i>Research Paper Due Week 4</i> ◦ <i>Research Presentation Due Week 5</i> • Discussion Board #1 • Quiz – Chapter 2 & 3
Week 3 Aug.30 – 30 Sept. 4	Learning and Developing from Birth to Age 8: Who We Teach	Reading Chapter 4 Reading Chapter 5 Lilian Katz – Video Midway Check In <i>Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7</i>	• Developmental Timeline • <i>Choice of Theorist Due</i> • Lilian Katz Video Reflection • Discussion Board #2 • Quiz Chapters – 4 & 5
Week 4 Sept.7 – 11	Intentional Teaching: How to Teach	Reading Chapter 7 Reading Chapter 8 Instructions for Observation	• Midterm Exam
Week 5 Sept. 14 – 18	Continued – Intentional Teaching: How to Teach-	Reading Chapter 9 Reading Chapter 10 Reading Chapter 11 Thrive Before Five Molly Wright – Video	• Play & Cognition – • Discussion Board #3 – ◦ Early Development • Thrive Before Five – Video Reflection • <i>Observation Due Week 7</i> • Quiz – Chapters 9, 10, & 11

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Week	Course Topic	Readings and Videos	Assignments are due as noted in the assignment instructions.
Week 6 Sept.21 – 25	Implementing an Effective Curriculum: What to Teach	Reading Chapter 12 Reading Chapter 13	• Theorist Presentation • Evaluating Play Materials • Quiz – Chapters 12 & 13
Week 7 Sept.28 – Oct. 2	Continued – Implementing an Effective Curriculum: What to Teach	Reading Chapter 14 Reading Chapter 15	• Theorist Peer Reviews • Social Studies Activity • Discussion Board #4 • Quiz – Chapters 14 & 15
Week 8 Oct. 5 – Oct. 9	Continued – Implementing an Effective Curriculum: What to Teach	Chapter 16 FINAL EXAM	Reflection Paper FINAL EXAM – Due Oct. 7

II. Grading and Testing Guidelines:

Final Grade Calculations

Activity	Qty	Points	Percentage
Course Information Quizzes – (1 @ 10 pts.) (1 @ 5 pts.)	2	15	
Chapter Quizzes – (15 pts.)	8	50	
Discussion Boards – (10 pts.)	4	40	
Reflections – (10 pts.)	5	50	
Mid-Point Check In	1	20	
Material Evaluation	1	30	
Research/Presentation	1	60	
Observation	1	40	
Examines	2	120	
TOTAL POINTS		425	

Total Course Points = may vary depending on assignment adjustments.

IV. Examination Policy:

- The reasons for which a student will be excused from taking an examination:
 - Hospitalization (with documented verification)
 - Death in the immediate family (with documented verification)
 - Personal illness or illness in immediate family - (doctor's excuse required).
- A student who misses an examination for any reason is responsible for:
 - Communicating the reason for the absence with the instructor.
 - Arranging with the instructor whether or not the exam can be made up.
 - Scheduling a day/time to make up for the exam without falling behind current work.
 - Exams must be made up within one week of the original exam date.
- The Mid-term exam will be administered during week 4. It is only available in an on-line format.

V. Class Attendance and Homework Make-Up Policy

1. Class attendance is necessary to acquire the knowledge required to:
 - a. Succeed in this course
 - b. Succeed in the marketing field
2. Students are responsible for:
 - a. Communicating with the instructor any absences, unforeseen or otherwise.
 - b. Known absences must be communicated in advance.
3. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**
 - a. **Online Sections:** There are no face-to-face attendance requirements in online sections. It is anticipated that students will be logging onto the course frequently (many times each week). Your attendance in on-line sections will be marked each week as:
 - fully attended (submitting all assignments for the module on time);
 - partially attended (submitting some portion of assignments for the module on time); or
 - absent (not submitting any assignments for a module on time).
4. **Homework/Participation Requirements and Make Up Policy**
Students must participate within the first week of the term in order to avoid being dropped for non-participation. This is a college-wide policy. Students must also participate in and achieve at least 67% success by the point of mid-term grade reporting to again avoid being dropped from the course for non-participation (college-wide policy).

Homework can only be made up in extenuating circumstances that are approved in advance by the instructor.

Assignments submitted late without instructor approval may not be graded.

Students are responsible for:

- a. Checking in with the instructor if they have questions or need assistance in completing an assignment.
- b. Knowing when assignments and exams are due.
- c. Midterm Check-In will **NOT be accepted** late. This assignment is time sensitive in order for you benefit from the instructor's feedback.

EVERY student in the class will receive 3 "tokens" for the term. The tokens can be used for late assignments or missing a discussion board post. No questions asked.

There are no late assignments accepted after the last day of the term—NO EXCEPTIONS! Any assignments listed with due dates within finals week are final.

VI. Classroom Expectations:

1. **All communications & conduct in this course are subject to the NC State Student Code of Conduct.**
2. **Any act of violence or threat of violence will be strictly forbidden.**
3. **General Professionalism Expectations**
 - a. As a future professional in your field, you will be expected to conduct yourself as a professional in this course in ALL communications – assignments, discussion forums, Canvas Inbox, emails, etc.
 - b. Expectations include, but are not limited to:
 - **Being respectful of classmates' opinions, work, and comments**
Good test = Is this something I would/should say to a co-worker in person?
 - **Being respectful in communications with the instructor**
Good test = Is this something I would/should say to my boss in the workplace?
 - **Using Non-Profane, Appropriate Language.**
Good test = Is this language you would use in the workplace or in front of your grandmother?
 - **Using proper. NON-"Text speak" Language to make Yourself Easily Understood**
Good test = Could my older boss understand what I have written?

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4. **Online Course Conduct: Netiquette, Emoticons and Conveying Feelings in an Online Environment.**
In face-to-face conversations, social signals, facial expression, and body language suggest how participants feel about a topic and discussion. Online course participants generally do not have the luxury of seeing or hearing their classmates directly. Others may interpret your email, messages, and discussion posts differently due to the lack of physical contact and assessment during your communication. As a result, online communities have developed tools to assist members in sharing their facial expressions, emotional reactions, and other feelings. Please note that many of these techniques may be used in the Canvas Discussion Boards and emails.
5. **Email:** When contacting your instructor via email, always include your first and last name and course information (Ex: Teri Brannum, EDUT-1070A-920). **ALWAYS SEND** your comments or questions **about this course** through Canvas Course email – **NOT** my college email. I receive a large number of emails, **and I do not want to miss yours.** However, you should remember to check your college email for information from other departments (financial aid, student services, advising, etc.).

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

First Day of the Semester: August 17, 2026 Session A and full term

Last Day of Session A term is Oct.9, 2026

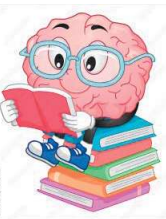
Fall Break – Oct. 12 -16, 2026

Last Day to Withdraw from Class with a “W” status – Sept 22, 2026

Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 26 – 29, 2026

Last Day of the Semester and Session B term – Dec. 11, 2026

Spring Semester Begins – Jan. 11, 2027 - Both Full Semester and Session A



August, 2026

Welcome to the world of early childhood education, where tiny humans teach us big lessons and snack time is sacred. As Fred Rogers said, 'Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.' So, get ready to play, learn, and occasionally sing songs you didn't know you knew. So let's embrace the mess, the magic, and the journey together!'"

I just wanted to take a moment to welcome you to NCSC 2026 Fall Session A term. If you are receiving this letter, your name is on my roster for EDUT-1070, Introduction to Child Development course.

This course is just what the title implies "an introduction". The course covers a lot of material in a short time, but you will learn basic concepts that will give you the base in which you will build on when you study more in-depth courses. In the end, it will all come together, *this is just where you begin.*

The course is set up in 8 weekly Modules. Each Module will contain the information that you will need to complete by Saturday of that week, unless otherwise noted. (Ex. Module Week 1 - assignments will be due August 22.) All the information and links to outside sources will be contained in that week's Module. You will find due dates for each assignment in the assignment instructions.

This course is very fast paced. Please do your best to stay on top of the assignments. You should plan on about 6 hours a week to give to this course. That is just an estimate, some weeks you may finish earlier and some might take longer. It is just not a good idea to put it off until the night before. If you do not understand a concept or just have a question, please feel free to text me @ 419-566-0330 or email me.

Just one last item. Be sure you complete the Ice Breaker as early in the week as possible in order for your classmates to respond by Saturday. You will find the directions for this activity in Module 1.

Be sure to check out the "Meet your Instructor" page at the beginning of the modules. It will give you a little insight into my background so you will know a little more about me.

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