




CAP Lower Division Eight Courses and Student Learning Outcomes Indexed with the *Instructional Guide for the California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 2*

Course: Child, Growth, and Development


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Course: Child, Growth, and Development	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Describe major developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence in the areas of physical, psychosocial, cognitive, and language development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Identify cultural, economic, political, historical contexts affect children's development.	
Identify and compare major theoretical frameworks related to the study of human development.	
Apply developmental theory to child observations, surveys, and/or interviews using investigative research methodologies.	
Differentiate characteristics of typical and atypical development.	
Additional Specific CAP Objectives and Course Content/Topics – See Appendix A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1, Key Topic 2

Note to faculty: See Appendix A for a detailed list of the CAP Student Learning Outcomes, Objectives, and Course Content/Topics indicated for this instructional guide's units, domains, and key topics.



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Course: Child, Family, and Community

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Course: Child, Family, and Community	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Analyze theories of socialization that address the interrelationship of child, family and community.	
Assess the impact of educational, political, and socioeconomic factors on children and families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit
Describe social issues, changes, and transitions that affect children, families, schools, and communities.	
Describe effective strategies that empower families and encourage family involvement in children's development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Identify and evaluate community support services and agencies available to families and children.	
Analyze one's own values, goals and sense of self as related to family history and life experiences, assessing how this impacts relationships with children and families.	
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Course: Introduction to Curriculum

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Course: Introduction to Curriculum	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Recognize developmentally appropriate teaching strategies and apply them in supervised settings for young children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit• Unit 1, Key Topic 1
Demonstrate an understanding of the many aspects of the teachers' role in early childhood programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Key Topic 1• Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Identify play-based curriculum models and approaches, standards for early learning, and indicators of quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit• Unit 1, Key Topic 1• Unit 1, Key Topic 2• Unit 1, Key Topic 3
Use the ongoing cycle of curriculum development to plan, implement, and evaluate early childhood activities and environments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit• Unit 1, Key Topic 1
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Course: Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children

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Course: Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Interpret best and promising teaching and care practices as defined within the field of early care and education's history, range of delivery systems, program types and philosophies and ethical standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit • Unit 1, Key Topic 1 • Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Develop one's teaching philosophy and professional goals.	
Assess early childhood settings, curriculum, and teaching strategies utilizing indicators of quality early childhood practice that support all children including those with diverse characteristics and their families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit • Unit 1, Key Topic 1 • Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Examine the value of play as a vehicle for developing skills, knowledge, dispositions, and strengthening relationships among young children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit • Unit 1, Key Topic 1 • Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Examine a variety of guidance and interaction strategies to increase children's social competence and promote a caring classroom community.	
Analyze the relationship between observation, planning, implementation and assessment in developing effective teaching strategies and positive learning and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Key Topic 3
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Course: Observation and Assessment

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Course: Observation and Assessment	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Compare the purpose, value and use of formal and informal observation and assessment strategies.	
Evaluate the characteristics, strengths and limitations of common assessment tools.	
Complete systematic observations using a variety of methods of data collection to assess the impact of the environment, interactions, and curriculum on children's development and behavior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit• Unit 1, Key Topic 1• Unit 1, Key Topic 2• Unit 1, Key Topic 3
Identify the role of partnerships with families and other professionals in utilizing interpretations of observational data to inform teaching practices.	
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Course: Health, Safety, and Nutrition

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Course: Health, Safety, and Nutrition	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Assess strategies to maximize the mental and physical health of children and adults in accordance with culturally, linguistic and developmentally sound practice.	
Identify health, safety, and environmental risks in children's programs.	
Analyze the nutritional needs of children at various ages and evaluate the relationship between healthy development and nutrition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit• Unit 1, Key Topic 1• Unit 1, Key Topic 2• Unit 1, Key Topic 3
Evaluate regulations, standards, policies and procedures related to health, safety, and nutrition in support of young children, teachers and families.	
Discuss the value of collaboration with families and the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit• Unit 1, Key Topic 1• Unit 1, Key Topic 2
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Course: Teaching in a Diverse Society

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Course: Teaching in a Diverse Society	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Critique the multiple impacts on young children's social identity.	
Analyze various aspects of children's experience as members of families targeted by social bias considering the significant role of education in reinforcing or contradicting such experiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit• Unit 1, Key Topic 1
Critically assess the components of linguistically and culturally relevant, inclusive, age-appropriate, anti-bias approaches in promoting optimum learning and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1, Key Topic 2• Unit 1, Key Topic 3
Evaluate the impact of personal experiences and social identity on teaching effectiveness.	
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Course: Practicum-Field Experience

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Course: Practicum-Field Experience	 Unit 1, Introduction to Framework
Integrate understanding of children's development and needs to create and maintain healthy, safe, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments for all children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit • Unit 1, Key Topic 1 • Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Evaluate the effectiveness of early childhood curriculum, classrooms, teaching strategies and how teachers involve families in their children's development and learning to improve teaching practices for all children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit • Unit 1, Key Topic 1 • Unit 1, Key Topic 2 • Unit 1, Key Topic 3
Design, implement and evaluate curriculum activities that are based on observation and assessment of young children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Key Topic 2 • Unit 1, Key Topic 3
Apply a variety of effective approaches, strategies and techniques supporting positive relationships with children and adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Key Topic 2
Critically assess one's own teaching experiences to guide and inform practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1, Getting Ready for the Unit • Unit 1, Key Topic 1 • Unit 1, Key Topic 3
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