

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTING, SEMESTER A

Credits: 0.5

COURSE OVERVIEW AND GOALS

[Getting Started/Best Practices Template](#)

This one-semester course is intended to help you familiarize yourself with various aspects of child development and parenting. This course covers the fundamental concepts of parenting and the roles and responsibilities of parents. It also covers essential communication skills related to parent-child interaction. In addition, the course covers important workplace qualities and skills, such as positive work ethics, integrity, and time and resource management. It also covers technology and recent trends in parenting.

Prerequisite courses: There are no recommended prerequisite courses.

Foundational skills: general literacy and communication skills needed for all high school online courses

By the end of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- ❖ Compare parenting skills, styles, and trends and their impacts on child development.
- ❖ Examine good work habits, skills, ethics, and policies related to careers in the childcare industry.
- ❖ Analyze family planning strategies and parental responsibilities.
- ❖ Demonstrate effective communication skills and strategies.
- ❖ Inspect laws, programs, and organizations centered around child welfare.

COURSE COMPONENTS AND GRADING RUBRIC

The table gives a breakdown of the weight for each component in the course. Weight represents the percentage of the total score coming from each activity.

Course Components	Count	Weight*
Pretest. <i>A pretest is an optional assessment, typically designed for credit recovery. If a student shows mastery of a lesson objective, the student may be automatically exempted from the upcoming activities associated with the mastered objective. Pretests are not included as a component of the student's final grade.</i>	3	0%
Module. <i>Each module in this course contains an interactive tutorial or study and an associated mastery test. Tutorials and studies combine instruction and practice to prepare students for the mastery test, which is a computer-scored lesson-level summative assessment. The module score comes from a student's score on the mastery test.</i>	12	20%
Discussion. <i>A discussion activity is an opportunity for students to collaborate with their peers. An online threaded discussion mirrors the educational experience of a classroom discussion initiated when a teacher asks a complex, open-ended question. Students can engage in the discussion by responding both to the question and to the thoughts of others allowing for higher-order thinking about terminal objectives.</i>	3	20%
Unit Activity. <i>A Unit Activity is at the end of a unit and constitutes one or more small tasks. Its purpose is to deepen understanding of key unit concepts and tie them together. Each Unit Activity includes a simple rubric. The teacher versions include both a rubric and modeled sample answers. Unit Activities are teacher graded.</i>	3	20%
Posttest. <i>A posttest appears at the end of each unit.</i>	3	20%
End-of-Semester Test. <i>An end-of-semester test (EOS) appears at the end of each course.</i>	1	20%
Total	25	100%

Weight* Teachers may manually adjust these weights if desired, per district grading requirements.

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT 1: PARENTING BASICS

In this unit, you will describe parenting goals and analyze the myths and realities of parenting. You will also describe the roles and responsibilities of a parent and compare different parenting styles. Additionally, you will describe positive parenting skills, list guidelines for effectively disciplining and guiding a child, and describe the impact of parenting styles on a child. Finally, you will describe ethics and good work habits.

Activity	Activity Objective
Syllabus	Review the Course Syllabus at the beginning of the course.
Basics of Parenting	Identify parenting goals and describe the myths, realities, and preparations needed for parenting.
Roles and Responsibilities of Parents	- Name the roles and responsibilities of a parent. - Identify different parenting styles.
Positive Parenting Skills	- Identify positive parenting skills. - List guidelines for effectively disciplining and guiding a child. - Recognize the impact of parenting styles on a child.
Positive Work Ethics	Recognize the importance of positive work ethics and describe good work habits.
Unit Activity: Parenting Basics	- Identify common household expenses for families. - Calculate common household expenses for families. - Compare household expenses in different states.

UNIT 2: COMMUNICATION AND CHILD CARE

In this unit, you will explain how communication between a parent and child is important. You will also describe the role of the family in effective child care. In addition, you will describe the importance of communication skills such as reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Activity	Activity Objective
Parent-Child Communication	• Identify positive and negative parent-child communication patterns and ways to improve them.
Family and Child Care	• Identify and describe the role and responsibilities of the family in effective childcare.
Reading and Writing	• Identify effective reading and writing skills. • Recall common terms in the childcare profession.
Speaking and Listening	• Identify effective speaking and listening skills and techniques. • Recognize the effects of poor communication.
Unit Activity: Communication and Child Care	• Identify factors that affect child development and parenting. • Examine teen pregnancy prevention strategies.

UNIT 3: MANAGING TIME, RESOURCES, AND TECHNOLOGY

In this unit, you will describe how to set goals and manage time and resources effectively. You will also identify various aspects of personal integrity and describe laws and organizational policies that ensure integrity and safety at the workplace. Additionally, you will identify current parenting trends and describe various types of technology that parents can use. Finally, you will describe the parenting styles of different cultures and explain strategies for better relationships that parents and children can use in multicultural families and societies.

Activity	Activity Objective
Time, Task, and Resource Management	• List time, task, and resource management skills. • Recognize how to organize and implement a productive plan of work.

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Integrity	• Identify integrity attributes outlined by many workplace policies and laws.
Technology and Recent Trends in Parenting	• Recall current parenting trends. • List considerations when hiring a nanny. • Identify various types of technology beneficial to parents.
Diversity in Family and Society	• Identify parenting styles of different cultures. • Recognize strategies for better relationships that parents and children can use in multicultural families and societies.
Unit Activity: Managing Time, Resources, and Technology	• Create a slide presentation on a selected youth organization.

COURSE MAP

You will achieve course level objectives by completing each lesson's instruction, assignments, and assessments. For a detailed look at how the materials meet these objectives, review the [course map](#).