

Northern Illinois University
Testing Services
and
School of Family & Consumer Sciences

HDFS 280 Human Development, the Family and Society Proficiency Examination

Course Description: A survey of human growth and development from conception to death with emphasis on interaction and socialization process.

Proficiency exam: The examination consists of 123 multiple choice items. Two hours of testing time are allowed.

The minimum passing score is 98 test items answered correctly (and 80%). Upon successful completion of the examination, three (3) hours of credit for HDFS 280, Human Development , the Family and Society will be granted.

Note: Students may not earn proficiency credit for a course for which they have received credit; nor may they receive credit for courses which substantially overlap or are prerequisite to any in which they are enrolled or for which they have received credit. Normally, a student may attempt to gain proficiency credit for a particular course only once (Academic Regulations , Proficiency Examinations)

Registration: This exam must be scheduled in advance with Testing Services, www.niu.edu/testing, 815-753-1203, testing@niu.edu.

Results: Results will be available immediately following completion of the exam.

Areas to be covered:

Introduction:

- Developmental principles and theories
- Influences of heredity and environment
- Research methods in lifespan development

Theories of development:

- Basic lifespan developmental theories
- Historical aspects of theories

Prenatal development:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Infancy:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Early Childhood:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Middle Childhood:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Adolescence:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Early Adulthood:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Middle Adulthood:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Late Adulthood:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social/emotional development

Death, Dying and Bereavement

Study Materials: Santrock. Lifespan Development with Connect Access (2017) . 16th Ed. New York. McGraw Hill. ISBN 9781259765490. Connect access includes an ebook as well as Learn Smarts to help you study.

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