

**Course Title: Child Development**  
**Credit / Hours: .5 Credit**

**Board Approval Date: June 2011**

**Course Description:**

This semester course is designed to help students understand the normal growth and development patterns of children from the prenatal stage to kindergarten. This course is aligned to the PA State Standards in Family and Consumer Science. Students will learn to develop effective parenting skills through a positive approach. The attitudes and knowledge developed help students become better parents and will lead others to rewarding careers in childcare. Students will develop and carry out a variety of activities for children using information learned. Child safety, books, toys and developmental activities will also be studied.

**Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:**

Large group instruction  
Small group work  
Computer activities  
Tests and Quizzes  
Worksheets  
Projects with Rubrics  
PPT Notes

**Instructional Resources:**

Internet  
Handouts  
PowerPoint notes/activities  
DVD  
*The Developing Child* (Glencoe 2006)

## Course Pacing Guide

**Course: Child Development (45 classes=90 semester course)**

<b>Course Unit (Topic)</b>	<b>Length of Instruction (Days/Periods)</b>
1. Parenthood	3 Days
2. Infants	12 Days
3. Toddlers	15 Days
4. Preschoolers	10 Days
5. Parents and Their School Age Children	5 Days