COUN 6940 - Human Growth and Development

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Course Description

6940. Human Growth and Development. The goal of this course is to help students develop an understanding of the theories and concepts associated with human growth and development, specifically in regard to how they relate to counseling. Students will develop an understanding of development through life through a study of research and discussion of development theories. An understanding of the biosocial aspects of development specifically using Erikson's and other theories will occur. The application of this information will be stressed due to its crucial role in the development of determining normal versus abnormal as well as the utilization of appropriate treatment goals and plans. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Life Span: Human Development for Helping Professionals-6th edition	Broderick and Blewitt	
Required	Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience. Random House	Brown	

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24		Review Syllabus; Review Assignments; Introductions	
Mon	8/31	Broderick Chapters 1&2 Brown introduction and chapter 1	Broderick:Organizing Themes in Development Broderick: Genetics, Epigenetics, and the Brain: The Fundamentals of Behavioral Development Brown: introduction Brown: Places we go when things are uncertain or too much	Newsflash Topics Due Quiz 1 & 2
Mon	9/7	no class	Labor Day	

Mon	9/14	Broderick Chapters 3 & 4 Brown 2 and 3	Broderick: Cognitive Development in the Early Years Broderick: Emotional and Social Development in the Early Years Brown: Places we go when we compare Brown: Places we go when things don't go as planned	Research Paper Proposal Due Quiz 3 & 4
Mon	9/21	Broderick: Chapters 5 Brown Chapter 4	Broderick: The Emerging Self and Socialization in the Early Years Brown: Places we go when it's beyond us	Quiz 5
Mon	9/28	Broderick: Chapter 6 Brown chapter 5	Broderick: Realms of Cognition in Middle Childhood Brown: Places we go when things aren't what they seem	Quiz 6
Mon	10/5	Broderick: Chapter 7 Brown: Chapter 6	Broderick: Self and Moral Development: middle Childhood Through Early Adoleacence Brown: Places we go when we're hurting	3 Newsflash Presentations Quiz 7
Mon	10/12	Broderick: Chapter 8 Brown: Chapter 7	Broderick: Sex, Gender, and Peer Relationships: middle Childhood through Early Adolescence Brown: Places we go with others	3 Newsflash Presentations Quiz 8
Mon	10/19	Broderick: Chapter 9 Brown Chapter 8	Broderick: Physical, Cognitive, and Identity Development in Adolescence Brown: Places we go when we fall short	3 Newsflash Presentations Quiz 9 Midterm End of class- Due 10-23-26
Mon	10/26	Broderick: Chapter 10 Brown: Chapter 9	Broderick :The Social World Of Adolescence Brown: Places we go when we search for connection	Quiz 10
Mon	11/2	Broderick: Chapter 11 Brown: Chapter 10	Broderick: Physical and Cognitive Development in Young adulthood Brown: Places we go when the heart is open	3 Newsflash Presentations Research Papers Due Quiz 11
Mon	11/9	Broderick: Chapter 12 Brown Chapter 11	Socioemotional and Vocational Development in Young Adulthood Brown: Places we go when life is good	3 Newsflash Presentations Quiz 12
Mon	11/16	Broderick : Chapter 13 Brown Chapter 12	Broderick: Middle Adulthood: Cognitive, Personality, and Social Development Brown: Places we go when we feel wronged	3 Newsflash Presentations Quiz 13
Mon	11/23	Broderick: Chapter 14 Brown Chapter 13	Broderick: Living well: Stress, coping and life satisfaction in adulthood Brown: Places we go to self assess	3 Newsflash Presentations Quiz 14
Mon	11/30	Broderick : Chapter 15 Brown: Cultivating Meaningful Connections and Gratitude	Gains and Losses in Late Adulthood	3 Newsflash Presentations Quiz 15
Mon	12/7		Final Exam	Due 12-10

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