

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Course Number: PSYC 305 Department: Psychology

Course Title: Child Psychology Semester: Spring Year: 1999

**Objectives/Competencies**

<b>Course Objective</b>	<b>Competencies</b>
1. To provide students with an accurate understanding of important psychological theories and concepts relating to childhood development.	1. To successfully complete class tests and essays.
2. To better understand the unique world of children and therefore be better prepared for working with and/or parenting children.	1. To demonstrate understanding of child development through class discussion and assignments.
3. To familiarize students with important and up-to-date research data concerning prenatal development and childhood.	1. To be able to complete assignments using research findings.
4. To further the development of critical thinking skills.	1. To be able to demonstrate in class and through assignments the ability to evaluate ideas and claims by properly assessing plausibility, supporting evidence and alternative explanations.

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<p>5. To better understand how scientific research is conducted and to come to appreciate the scientific method as a way of learning about developmental sequences in childhood.</p> <p>6. To help the student understand critical childhood issues such as mental health, learning disabilities, and parenting styles.</p>	<p>1. To exhibit an understanding of scientific methods through classroom discussion.</p> <p>1. To be able to discuss psychological and mental health issues in the classroom and through writing exercises.</p>