Human Development and Early Childhood Disorders

**HDCD 6310** Parent Education (3 semester hours) Skills needed by professionals to assess parents' strengths, resources and needs as well as to assist parents in understanding and promoting their children's development and adjustment. Includes effective communication techniques, basic counseling skills, and strategies to enhance parental effectiveness within the family and community. (3-0) Y

**HDCD 6312** Atypical Development (3 semester hours) Disorders of development from conception through preschool. Effects of developmental impairments on the child, family, and the environment and prognosis and treatment options. (3-0) Y

**HDCD 6315** Assessment Theory (3 semester hours) Latest developments in the field of assessment with young children, including behavioral observation, contextual multi-faceted assessment, and inclusion of the family. Training in traditional psychometrics and assessment tools/techniques. Pre- or corequisite: HDCD 6319. (3-0) Y

**HDCD 6316** Developmental Assessment (3 semester hours) Play-based, curriculum-based, authentic assessment, family assessment protocols and the Functional Emotional Assessment Scale (FEAS). Use of Zero-to-Three diagnostic classification system (DC: 0-3) through differential diagnosis decision-making based on the results from the FEAS. Emphasis on clinical judgment/observation, interpretation and integration with assessment results. Prerequisites: HDCD 6319, 6315. (3-0) Y

**HDCD 6319** (HCS 6357, PSYC 6357) The Developing Child: Infants and Toddlers (3 semester hours) Theories of infant development in multiple content domains (cognitive, social, motor, language, physical) from conception to 24 months. Milestones of development and the understanding of relationship across domains and viewing the child as a "system" within the relationships. (3-0) Y

**HDCD 6320** (HCS 6359, PSYC 6320) The Developing Child: Toddler and Preschool Years (Two to Five Years) (3 semester hours) Relevant developmental theories and processes as well as skills acquired in motor, sensory-perceptual, cognitive, and social domains. (3-0) Y

**HDCD 6325** Service Coordination of Community Resources (3 semester hours) Policies and procedures pertinent to service coordination of community resources in early intervention and family centered practices that help families become more independent. Identifying and screening relevant resources for children with special needs and their families. (3-0) Y

**HDCD 6330** Families and Culture (3 semester hours) Child growth and development in the context of diverse families and cultures. Respect for cultural variations in family values and practices. Emphasizes the impact of the students' own culture, attitudes, and beliefs in working with families from diverse backgrounds. (3-0) R

**HDCD 6335** Intervention Paradigms (3 semester hours) Historical, theoretical, practice, and research bases for early intervention paradigms. Research methods to evaluate the effectiveness of early intervention programs and determine evidence-based practice. (3-0) Y

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HDCD 6355 Family Outreach and Assessment (3 semester hours) This practicum is designed to provide students, as part of a 2-3 person team, supervised experiences with young children from diverse backgrounds, at selected off-campus sites. Emphasis is on assessment, professional report writing, communicating assessment results orally to the families and other professionals, the referral process, and working together in 2-3 student teams. Pass/Fail only. (May be repeated for credit.) (3-0) Y

HDCD 6360 Behavior Management (3 semester hours) Observational methodology in behavioral assessment and a review of principles and procedures of behavior change from social learning and applied behavior analysis perspectives. Particular attention will be given to the design, implementation, and evaluation of behavioral interventions with children and families. (3-0) Y

HDCD 6365 (COMD 7336) Social Communication in Early Childhood Disorders (3 semester hours) Development of infant and toddler cognitive, social, communication and language skills are explored through major theories, current research and application to disorders. Emphasis is placed on functional assessments and intervention for children with social communication disorders functioning at the prelinguistic and emerging language stages. (3-0) Y

HDCD 6370 Intervention with Young Children (3 semester hours) Emphasis on methods and procedures for facilitating development of high risk, delayed or handicapped young children through relationship-based intervention. Reviews the contributions and perspectives of various early intervention disciplines. Students design and implement individualized intervention programs. (3-0) Y

HDCD 6385 (HCS 7376, PSYC 6335) Child Psychopathology (3 semester hours) Major classes of childhood psychopathology manifested during infancy through adolescence. Normal personality development as a basis for identifying psychopathology. Issues of etiology, diagnosis, prognosis and social policy. (3-0) R

HDCD 6390 Infant Mental Health (3 semester hours) How children's healthy development is impacted by the attachment-separation process and social-emotional development. Theoretical foundations for current practice. Addresses contributing factors, including brain development, temperament, trauma, multiple separations, and parent attachment styles. Overview of intervention programs that address relationship disruptions or disorders. (3-0) Y

HDCD 6395 Medical and Biobehavioral Factors in Early Childhood Disorders (3 semester hours) The normal functioning of organ systems and the most common malformations, dysfunction, and diseases. Effects of these disorders on the child and family. (3-0) Y

HDCD 6v81 Special Topics in Human Development and Early Childhood Disorders (1-9 semester hours) Topics vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated for credit) (1-9-0) R

HDCD 7382 (HCS 7382, PSYC 7382) Health Psychology (3 semester hours) Current theory and research concerning the social, cognitive, behavioral, and biological processes that shape experiences of physical health. The importance of these concepts for health behaviors, psychosomatics, and psychological adjustment to illness. (3-0) Y

HDCD 7v20 Practicum/Internship in Early Childhood Disorders (3 or 6 semester hours) Supervised participation in on-site, early intervention, preschool and private therapy settings for young children with special needs. Includes professional activities such as conducting assessments, intervention, service coordination, and interdisciplinary teaming. Bi-weekly seminars address reflective practice as a tool for
professional growth, ethical decision making in real situations, and professional use of self. Taken for 3 hours credit coincident with practicum placement and for 6 hours credit coincident with internship placement. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit with the supervisor's prior approval. Pass/Fail only. ([3 or 6]-0) S

**HDCD 7v80** Independent Research (1-6 semester hours) Individualized program of study which includes research and/or other designated activities. Permission of supervising instructor is required. May be repeated for credit. ([1-6]-0) S

**HDCD 7v98** Independent Study (1-6 semester hours) Individualized program of study which may include reading, research, and/or other designated activities. Permission of supervising instructor is required. (May be repeated for credit). ([1-6]-0) S