

WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
COURSE OUTLINE & SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

COURSE NUMBER: MSN 7701

COURSE TITLE: Child Development and Assessment

CREDITS: 3 Credits

PREREQUISITE: MSN 6603, MSN 7703, 7702

FACULTY MEMBER

TERM

METHOD OF CONTACT/ OFFICE HOURS

COURSE TIME BREAKDOWN

35 Hours Scheduled Instruction  
10 Hours Structured External Assignment (SEA)  
60-80 Hours Independent Learning

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on advanced comprehensive physical, psychosocial, developmental, and cultural assessment of the child within the ~~text~~ context of his/her family and community. Determination of the health status of children from infancy to adolescence through evaluation of a variety of data collection techniques is stressed. Analysis and interpretation of growth and development patterns are discussed as they relate to primary care. Practice sessions enable the student to refine history and physical assessment skills. Per academic policy, a grade of ~~an~~ **B+** must be obtained to move forth.

TEXTBOOKS

\*A list of course textbooks are available on the Wilmington University Bookstore website:  
<http://bookstore.wilmu.edu/>

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive history and ~~physical~~ **physical** examination that is reflective of the child's development, incorporating relevant family assessment data that is culturally sensitive.
2. Identify the normal pediatric developmental and growth markers through the use of systematic and surveillance modalities.
3. Show effective communication techniques with the child and family during the history taking and physical examination interchange.



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College of Health Professions Attendance Policy:

Because class sessions are highly interactive, any student's absence diminishes the quality of learning for everyone.

Students are expected to attend all class sessions and to log on and participate in all online sessions, as the course format requires. Failure to do so may be considered an unexcused absence. Be apprised that faculty have the ability to monitor your access to Canvas sessions. Please note that your weekly attendance is electronically tracked and is a criterion for your final course grade. Communication with your course faculty is essential.

College of Health Professions Late Assignment Policy:

Late assignment submissions will not be accepted unless prior communication and approval have been arranged with the course faculty. No assignments will be accepted after the final day of the course unless the student has established a Student "Incomplete" Course Grade Agreement with the course faculty.

College of Health Professions Response Time Policy:

Faculty will generally respond to all student communication within 48 hours unless a weekend or holiday. Please refer to your course faculty's specific availability as noted within the course.

Nurse Practitioner Program Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy:

At Wilmington University, Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in the Nurse Practitioner program is defined by the following three criteria:

1. Earn a B or better in all NP courses.
  - a. If less than a B is earned in a NP course, students can re-take the course one (1) time.
  - b. A maximum of two (2) courses may be repeated.
2. Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.
3. Complete all degree requirements within seven (5) years).

Failure to meet these requirements will result in academic dismissal from the program.