

Human Growth and Faith Development Course

Course Description

Courses designed to fulfill the Human Growth and Faith Development content area need to acknowledge that educational ministry encompasses people of every age. Across the lifespan our learners' thinking, moral reasoning, and faith expressions change as they age. This course explores historical and contemporary developmental theories from a faith perspective. Participants are asked to critique and apply the theories to their educational ministry with all ages.

Course Standards

Competencies Dimension	Theoretical Perspective	Skills	Contextual Awareness	Self-Critical Awareness
Biological Dimension	Identify psychological and faith development theories that offer age specific perspectives across the life span.	Articulate key features of each theoretical framework.	Attend to individual and collective abilities in a particular learning environment	How does your age and gender shape your understanding of faith?
Socio-cultural Dimension	Psychological and faith development are shaped by socio-cultural dimensions.	Identify techniques and skills related to communicating effectively across a range of cultural diversity.	Analyze and appreciate cultural specificity in a particular ministry context.	How does your ethnicity and cultural identify shape your understanding of faith?
Educational Dimension	Identify how theoretical foundations of faith and human development impact educational design.	Design and evaluate an educational event that demonstrates understanding of theoretical foundations of faith and human development.	Map concrete learning environments	How does psychological and faith perspectives impact your personal teaching/learning?
Faith Dimension	Critically reflect on intersections of psychological and faith development theories	Analyze curriculum resources using psychological and faith frameworks.	Engage and reflect upon faith in particular situations and experiences	How has your faith grown over time?

Suggested Resources

Broderick, Patricia and Blewitt, Pamela. *The Life Span: Human Development for Helping Professionals*, 5th edition. (NY: Pearson, 2020.)

Life Long Faith Associates:

Lifelong Faith Journal Collection <https://www.lifelongfaith.com/lifelong-faith-journal.html>

“Reimaging Faith Formation” <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/>

“Faith Formation Learning Exchange” <http://www.faithformationlearningexchange.net/>