

**EDUC 207 – Physical Development Assignment – Due: Thursday, March 26
30 Points Possible – No late assignments will be accepted.**

As we have found, there are many aspects to physical development. Physical development encompasses the brain, our most important and powerful organ, as well as all aspects of our body that deal with movement – gross and fine motor development.

For this assignment, you will have a good deal of choice. It is important for me that you develop a real interest in development – only then will you retain the information and use it in the future.

This assignment is worth 30 points. I want you to dedicate AT LEAST four hours to this project. If I see that you are really spending quality time working on these sorts of projects, I will decrease the number of additional assignments I give you.

I. Content – Choose Your Major Content & Specific Focus

I. Brain Development

➤ **Major Content:**

- Child and Adolescent (look at birth – end of adolescence – would be more general in scope).
- Early Childhood – first few years – would be more specific
- School Age – Middle Childhood – would be more specific
- Adolescence – would be more specific

➤ **Specific Focus:**

- Choose one for yourself – it could be using art to enhance brain development – or music.....

II. Motor Development

➤ **Major Content:**

- Child and Adolescent (look at birth – end of adolescence – would be more general in scope)
- Early Childhood – first few years – would be more specific
- School Age – Middle Childhood – would be more specific
- Adolescence – would be more specific & focus on issues surrounding puberty ☺

➤ **Specific Focus:**

- Again, your choice. Perhaps you are interested in the importance of physical space in the development of school age motor development – perhaps looking at how schools could promote healthy adolescent physical development.....

II. Audience – Choose Your Audience:

- Parents
- Teachers
- Students – for school aged and adolescents only
- General Public

III. Product Options

Choose your project or propose one. Can be electronic or printed..

- Informational Guide – General – Three pages (750 words) of general information
- Informational Guide – With Suggestions and Tips – Two pages of general information (500 words) and one page of suggestions and tips (250 words)
- Research Paper – Three pages of text (750 words) & title and reference pages
- Other – you may propose a different product – it will need to include at least three pages of text (or 750 words)

IV: Product Requirements

All options:

- Three pages of text minimum – or 750 words minimum
- Four source minimum
- Technically and grammatically correct
- Title page
- Reference page
- Geared towards specified audience

*Information guides must be pleasing to the eye – include graphics, tables, etc. to make attractive and easy to read. They also need to include at minimum FOUR hotlinks that would take the reader directly to useful websites.

*Research papers should be double-spaced and include three complete pages of text (750 words) at minimum. Use APA formatting. –See SECD website for APA guidelines

For example, I may choose the following –

- Brain Development: Early Childhood – first few years –
 - I decide to focus on enhancing executive function skills
- Parents
- Informational Guide – With Suggestions and Tips

So, I would create an informational guide for parents with very young children. The guide would include at least two pages (500 words) focusing on the basics about brain development during early childhood – from birth – 3 let's say. It would be easy to navigate, with charts, graphics, tables, etc. No silly graphics that are not necessary. The next one page would include practical suggestions that parents could use to help their youngster's brain development and at least four hotlinks to websites of interest. The guide would have a title page and reference page – it would look like a guide, not a research paper!!

There are many wonderful parent and student guides available for you to reference. Please don't plagiarize anything!! You will need to be sure to put all information in your own words and put quotes around all directly quoted information. Keep quotes to a minimum.

