

## COURSE NAME AND CODE

<b>Course</b>	PSYC 2500A
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## COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Welcome to the amazing world of children and how they evolve from birth, through adolescence. To structure our exploration of this expanse of development, we will consider three themes:

1. Physical growth and change,
2. Changes in thinking/cognition, and
3. Children's social emotional development.

This will be an interesting and useful course for anyone who has children, is planning on having children, who knows a child or who was a child.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

1. Identify major developmental stages, milestones, and changes that occur during childhood (e.g. you will learn when babies first walk and talk).
2. Recognize the factors that are important for healthy growth and development (e.g. you will learn the important role that parents and peers play in development).
3. Differentiate the characteristics of typical and atypical development (e.g. you will learn how to tell if a child is developmentally delayed or advanced for their age).
4. Experience raising a (virtual) child making all the parenting decisions needed along the way and learn firsthand how your decisions affect their development (e.g. Using the MyVirtualChild software).
5. Apply what you have learned to real-life children (e.g. Be able to tell a friend or relative what to expect as they begin their parenting journey).

Format: Asynchronous course delivery. This course will be completely on-line and will be administered through cuLearn No on-campus participation required.

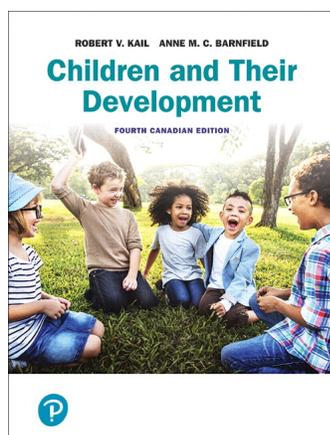
Prerequisite: Psychology 1001/1002

## EVALUATION

<b>Best 10 of 12 on-line Quizzes</b>	3% each X 10 = 30%
<b>10 Web-Based Discussion Blogs</b>	1% each X 10 = 10%
<b>3 Part Applied Assignment</b>	10% each X 3 = 30%
<b>3 Take-Home Essay Tests</b>	10% each X 3 = 30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%

Evaluation in this course will consist of on-line multiple choice quizzes (through cuLearn), participation in a web-based discussion group, a three-part applied assignment and three Take-Home Essay Tests. Quizzes and Tests will be non-cumulative and will be based on all content covered in the course (including textbooks, videos, supplemental readings, etc.).

## TEXT



**Required Text:** Kail & Barnfield (2019). Children and Their Development, **Fourth Canadian Edition** PLUS MyVirtualChild – Access Card Package, 4/E ,Print ISBN: 9780134646565, 0134646568, eText ISBN: 9780134827162, 0134827163

If you only wish to purchase access to the MyVirtualChild software without purchasing a book go to [www.myvirtualchild.com](http://www.myvirtualchild.com)

Please purchase the **4th Canadian edition** for PSYC2500A since I have designed the course assuming that you have this edition of the text. Other editions do not have the same chapter structure and may make it difficult to follow along. There should be a number of used versions available as I have used this edition twice previously, in the winter and fall, 2019.

Be aware that you should ensure that you have a reliable computer or laptop and a fast internet connection in order to successfully take the Quizzes on cuLearn.