

## **Developmentally Appropriate Practice Presentation and Paper CED 6413**

Presentation: 16 November

Paper Due: Final examination time slot

The purpose of this paper is to consider how the concepts of development studied in this course can be applied to your particular ministry (e.g., counseling, teaching, missions, etc.). First, choose a developmental level (e.g., early childhood, adolescence, middle adulthood) that you work with most frequently. Then consider what Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) looks like in your chosen profession. DAP is defined as practices that are suitable to the individual's developmental level.

In your paper, first briefly explain your ministry (or anticipated future ministry). Then describe **three** developmental characteristics of individuals at your chosen developmental level. Cite theories and research from class and other resources. For each developmental characteristic you describe, explain what DAP would look like in your context to meet that developmental need. In other words, what are the practical implications of the developmental characteristic that you described? If you are a counselor of young children, what should your counseling look like to match the developmental characteristics of young children? If you are a youth minister, what should youth ministry look like based on the theories we discussed as related to adolescence? If you are a literacy teacher for individuals in middle adulthood, what educational practices would be best adapted to the characteristics of middle adulthood? After describing DAP generally, give a **specific** illustration of what this would look like in practice. Describe vignettes of actual or imagined contexts. For example, if you are a counselor, describe what an actual counseling session would look like, implementing developmentally appropriate practice. Ensure that this point is directly related to the developmental characteristic that you have described. For example, if you say that children are in the pre-operational stage of development, then explain how you would adjust your teaching strategies to fit this developmental need.

To simplify, your paper should address the following for three different developmental characteristics:

- Describe the developmental characteristic, citing sources
- Describe what DAP would look like to meet this developmental need
- Give a practical, **specific** vignette of what this would look like in practice.

In addition to submitting a paper, you will have five minutes to present on **one** key developmentally appropriate practice that you outlined. Your presentation should include a very brief description of your ministry, one characteristic of the developmental level you have chosen, the implication for practice, and a specific vignette of what this would look like in practice.

### **Marking Scheme**

- Description of ministry (3 points)
- Accurate and clear description of developmental characteristics (3 points apiece, total 9 points)
- DAP is practical and directly related to developmental characteristic (3 points apiece, total 9 points)
- Practical illustration of each point (2 points apiece, total 6 points)
- Clear and engaging presentation (3 points)