



Center for Early Education and Development

Online Course:

Prenatal Developmental Interventions (PDI): Strategies for Professionals Working With Families During Pregnancy

Earn a Continuing Education Certificate (24 clock hours [CEUs])

Note: If you are from a state other than MN, you may want to check with your licensing board to verify that the same measurement standard will be applied in your state for this credit.



Course Description:

This online course is grounded in the belief that pregnancy, regardless of the outcome, begins the parent-infant relationship. It is designed for family educators, social workers, health care providers, and others working with families during childbearing to facilitate positive parent-baby interactions beginning in the prenatal period.

The ways in which children develop and interact with their parents and environment is unique for each child. Seldom do people consider that many of children's behaviors originate in the prenatal period. What happens during pregnancy, birth, and early postpartum not only sets the stage for parents but can influence the way children develop and interact with their environment throughout life.

Comments from Students:

- *This course has been interesting, enlightening and a wonderful step in taking us deeper into understanding the intrinsic nature of prenatal development and the value of quality care, physically, emotionally, spiritually. It offers a holistic approach to prenatal care.*
- *I have come to have a fuller understanding of prenatal development and the relationship between parents and their unborn baby.*
- *The articles support the evidence of the inner connectedness of mother, father and baby, giving a broader perspective to consider in working with the parenting tasks of the family during and after pregnancy.*



Course Instructor:

Joann O'Leary, Ph.D., MPH, MS, has a Ph.D. in Work, Community and Family Education and a Masters in Maternal-Child Health from the University of Minnesota. She also has a Masters in Psychology through research from Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Course Format: Online password-protected course website. Instructor-guided. Weekly assignments and activities.

Computer Requirements: Computer with internet access (preferably other than modem connection).

Earn CEU Credit

By successfully completing course requirements, you can earn 24 Clock Hours of Continuing Education Credit (CEUs), approved and issued by the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota.

Fee: \$225, course fee, plus purchase of required reading materials as specified on the CEED web site.

To Register: Registration form and more information about the course and instructor are available on the CEED web site at <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/prenatal.htm>.

Questions? Contact Karen Anderson, CEED online course management, at 612-625-6617 or ander352@umn.edu.