



Online Course:

Parent Infant Pathways (PIP)

An educators guide to providing information and support to new parents

Earn a Continuing Education Certificate (36 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:

The Parent Infant Pathways course is designed to enhance the work of professionals in the fields of early education, early intervention, parent education, nursing, pediatrics, social service, and health care by providing specific training around early infant development, parent education, and parent-infant relationships. Each Pathway will be revealed through reading the information found in the training manual and designated supplemental readings, viewing and interacting with the information on the CD-ROM, and completing assignments. Through the course web site component, participants will be able to take part in discussions, post questions, and receive feedback from the instructor. Each pathway of information is supported by current research and reflects best practice. Upon completion of the course, participants will be better able to address new parents' questions, thoughts, and concerns as well as help parents more easily identify infant communication cues and capabilities.



Course Instructor:

Jolene Pearson, M.S. holds a B.E.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in Child Development. She earned an M.S. from Wheelock College in Boston in Infant and Toddler Behavior and Development. Ms. Pearson completed internships with Drs. Berry Brazelton and James Herzog at Harvard Medical School's Child Development Research Unit and Family Development Clinic in Boston, MA. Ms. Pearson has served as adjunct faculty and instructor at the University of Minnesota teaching courses in parent education, infant mental health, and early childhood special education, and Parent Infant Pathways. She is a certified Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale examiner and is licensed in Parent Education, Early Childhood Education, and Early Childhood Special Education.

Comments from Course Participants:

"The research-based information will be invaluable to me in my work as an early childhood teacher."

"The CD-ROM was the next best thing to actually observing the techniques first-hand as described in the handbook."

"I can recommend your course wholeheartedly to those interested in increasing their knowledge in the field of infant development and parent education."

Course Format: Online course. Course web site, course manual, CD-ROM, instructor-led.

Computer Requirements: Computer with internet access (preferably other than modem connection), CD-ROM drive.

Earn CEU Credit

You can earn 36 Clock Hours of Continuing Education Credit (CEUs) by successfully completing course requirements. The Certificate is approved and issued by the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota.

Fee: \$340, course fee plus \$65 for PIP manual and Training Photos Booklet.

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/pip.htm>.

Questions? Contact Karen Anderson, tech and support for this course, at 612-625-6617 or ander352@umn.edu.