

PSYC 317L: Child Development – Section 741 (online) – Fall I 2026

Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to PSYC 317L: Child Development. My name is Dr. Victoria Ferrara and I am your professor for the Fall I 2026 term. I look forward to guiding you through this online Child Development course.

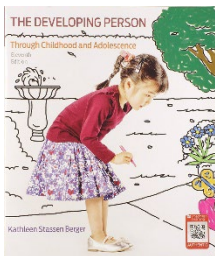
A Little Bit About Dr. Vick

I have a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Capella University and have been fortunate to work in my field for over 26 years. I am currently the Director of Educational Effectiveness Assessment at Marist University. Prior to this role, I served as the Director of Educational Assessment at Mercy University. Both roles afforded me opportunities to work with faculty to make sure that students achieve the learning outcomes necessary to complete their degree programs and be successful after graduation. While I have been teaching at Marist for 12 years, I've been with Marist full-time as an administrator for four (4) years. Other positions as a preschool teacher, childcare worker (with children with severe mental health and behavioral issues), and instructor have afforded me a variety of experiences and made me the instructor that I am today. I have been teaching for 26 years. I have spent the last 22 years teaching online (as well as in the classroom) and find tremendous value in the online course room. I give a lot of credit to my students over the years because I have learned quite a bit from them just as they have from me. I am looking forward to adding you to the group and learning about you and your experiences as we move through this course.

Instructor Contact Information

Please call me Dr. Vick! You can reach me via email at Victoria.Ferrara@marist.edu.

Required Textbook



Berger, K. S. (2018). *The developing person through childhood (8th ed.)*. New York, NY: MacMillan. ISBN 13: 978-1319193874

The online course room in Brightspace will contain additional course materials to supplement this required textbook. Please be sure to purchase this text prior to the beginning of the term as the course requires weekly reading assignments from it.

I am excited to get to know you and facilitate your learning in this course!

Dr. Vick