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**Child Growth and Development**

**Early Areas of Focus**

**Preschool Years: Growth and Development from one to four years**

* **Analyze social and emotional development of children in the preschool years.**
* **Describe the effect of learning environments on the growth and development of children in the preschool years.**
* **Create developmentally effective approaches to promote individual growth and development of children in the preschool years.**
* **Analyze physical and motor development of children during the preschool years.**
* **Examine the effect of culture and gender differences on child development in the preschool years**
* **Analyze cognitive development of children during the preschool years.**
* **Analyze multicultural influences on language and literacy development in the preschool years.**

**Growth and Development in Early Childhood**

* **Describe characteristics of early childhood growth and development.**
* **Define early childhood terminology reflective of children from birth through age eight.**
* **Analyze theories associated with early childhood development.**
* **Discuss influences of family and community characteristics on early childhood growth and development.**
* **Analyze early childhood development from a multicultural perspective.**
* **Identify the effect of child abuse, neglect and distress on typical development for children from birth through age eight.**