

Developmental Psychologist Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Analyze the social, cognitive, behavioral, and emotional changes that occur throughout the lifespan of an individual
- Proffer solutions and recommendations to various developmental issues in man
- Provide tips for the management and treatment of developmental issues such as Down's syndrome, social development disorder, aging challenges in the elderly, and learning disabilities in children
- Conduct research on developmental issues specific to an age group to obtain information useful in resolving such disorder
- Provide consultancy services to aged people to help them manage senile problems
- Teach the principles of developmental psychology to psychology majors in colleges and universities
- Carry out investigations on child/elderly persons abuse and neglect
- Educate the family of an aged one on how to manage the problems associated with old age
- Evaluate the educational programs of students to make improvements that promote social and emotional development
- Provide expert advice to firms on goods/services that are appropriate and safe for a particular age group
- Treat learning disabilities in children, such as social communication disorder and ADHD
- Specialize in the treatment of memory loss issues in old people, such as Alzheimer's disease
- Educate young parents on pregnancy and childbirth; and provide suitable home for proper child development
- Work with a speech-language pathologist to develop a special speech-language plan for a child with language learning impairments.

Developmental Psychologist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- **Education and Training:** Developmental psychologists need to complete an undergraduate degree study in psychology and then proceed for a Master's degree study in psychology. They are also required to obtain a terminal degree i.e. a doctorate in developmental psychology (for those who wish to specialize in research) or a doctoral degree in developmental psychology (for those who intend to provide psychological service to clients). Developmental psychologists are also required to complete a year's supervised internship and pass the state exams for professional practice in psychology in order to obtain license for practice
- **Empathic Skills:** Developmental psychologists are able to address the emotional needs of patients as a result of their sensitivity towards individuals with developmental disability
- **Research Skills:** They are able to carry out research and survey to come up with results that address various cognitive, emotional, and social developmental impairment
- **Patience:** They exercise lots of patience during the treatment process of a patient
- **Problem-solving skills:** As one of their key qualities, developmental psychologists are able to draw conclusions from a research/observation and provide solutions to a psychological disorder.