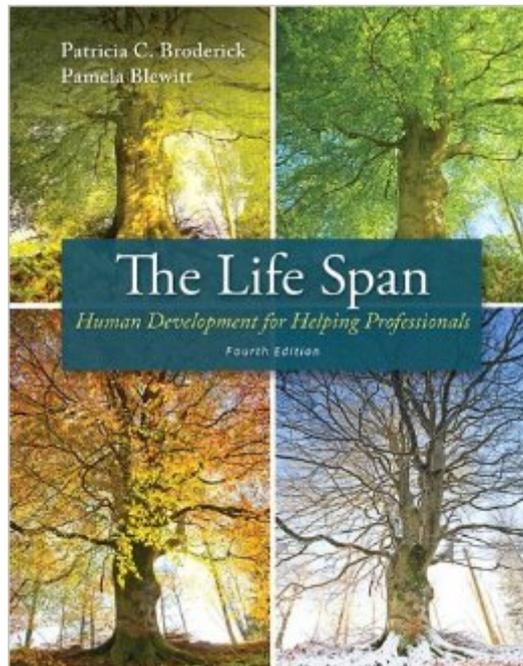


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The Life Span: Human Development for Helping Professionals, 4/e, provides an in-depth look at the science of human development, highlighting theories and research that have useful applications for individuals working in fields such as education, counseling, and social work. The main purpose of this book is to provide the reader with information that can be translated into professional best practice applications. Throughout, the text reflects the contemporary view that life span development is a process deeply embedded within and inseparable from the context of family, social network, and culture. Because the book is designed for graduate students, most topics, especially those that have special relevance to helping professionals, are covered in greater depth than in a typical life span text. The expanded coverage of research in these areas will enhance students' understanding of the scientific basis for application to practice.

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I read this book for my graduate developmental course. The information in the text is up-to-date and backed by research; however, it is certainly not the easiest read. It is dry and hard to get through. I feel like the life span has so much richness and is so interesting, but the authors somehow manage

to make development from conception to death dull and boring. Bottom Line: Good information - Annoying to read.

Just an FYI, this book does NOT come with the access code for the online lab, which my teacher requires. Access can be purchased through the Pearson website, but it will cost you an extra \$31.50. 's description does not make this clear. If all you need is the book, then this should fit your needs. If you need access to the lab, you might find it cheaper to purchase the book with the "value pack" from another retailer.

The content of this book is top notch. However, it is super dense. I would have liked for the entire book to have been written with multiple columns rather than having the text run across the very wide pages. The Applications and Summary at the end of each chapter is how I would like the entire book to be printed. I do have a gripe about the publishers constantly advertising its on-line resources, but you have to pay extra for those! The publisher should have on-line examples and/or a free chapter to help the customer to decide to purchase the extra materials.

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The book was super dense and hard to penetrate, not the type of book for reading for long periods of time or for people very new to the field. The on-line materials are heavily advertised in the book but cost extra on top of the text itself. I was not impressed with the value I got for my money out of this text.

This book is very well written with a great deal of information. The book is sequential which makes understanding the development easier. It also introduces the theories related to physical, cognitive, and developmental growth. This book will be instrumental in helping to pass the state exams. The summaries and case studies were very helpful in solidifying the information presented. The only drawback was that there was so much information in a given chapter that is was, at times, difficult to read.

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