

EARLY CHILDHOOD MOBILITY: CREEPING

This lesson plan is designed to supplement your lab on the developmental sequences of crawling/creeping.



Learning Objectives

By the end of this activity, the successful student will be able to:

- 1. Analyze the transition between different movement patterns in the development of creeping, including prone extension and pivoting.
- 2. Differentiate between patterns of mobility, stability, and combined mobility and stability during creeping.

This activity supports the requirements for:

- The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) standards B.1.1, B.4.10, B.4.18
- The Commission on Education for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) standards 7D23; 7D27

LEARNING ACTIVITIES



Watch

Assign this video for students to watch before, during, or after class: **Early Childhood Motor Development: Creeping (6 months)**. In this 2½ minute video, Jack transitions between multiple stages of creeping/crawling and mobility and stability.



Discuss

Students can engage in small or large group discussions. Questions may include:

- 1. In the development of creeping/crawling, what is the highest level Jack demonstrates?
- 2. What stage of creeping/crawling would most likely develop next?
- 3. How might you set up the environment to promote further skill development?
- 4. At what point in the video did you observe Jack use combined mobility and stability?
- 5. In the development of mobility and stability, what stage is Jack demonstrating? What stage typically develops next? How would you facilitate the development of that stage?
- 6. What other developmental skills did you observe in this video?
- 7. At one point in the video, Jack is pushing himself backwards. Is this typical in the development of creeping/crawling?
- 8. How does Jack's development in this video compare to his development of creeping/crawling in other ICE Video Library pediatric videos? (See Watch More! listed on page 2).



CLASS OR HOMEWORK ACTIVITIES



Sequence Chain

Have students (individually or in small groups) create a sequence chain to help them remember the steps in the developmental sequence of creeping/crawling. This should be a visual representation of each step in the process in sequential order. They can get creative with this and use a variety of materials, either in class or as a homework assignment. Students/groups can share their sequence chains to help others with strategies for remembering the developmental sequence.



Documentation

Provide students with the link to Early Childhood Motor Development: Creeping and Sitting (7 months). After viewing both videos, have students write a progress note describing Jack's changes in the development of creeping/crawling between the two videos.



Watch more!

Search the ICE Video Library for additional pediatric videos on the topic of the development of creeping/crawling and/or mobility and stability.

Examples include:

- Early Childhood Motor Development: Creeping (7 months)
- Early Childhood Motor Development: Creeping and Sitting (7 months)





Resources for Faculty/Student Reading

- Barkley, E. F., Major, C. H., & Cross, K. P. (2014). *Collaborative learning techniques: A handbook for college faculty*. San Francisco, CA: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Bly, L. (2011). *Components of typical and atypical motor development*. Laguna Beach, CA: Neurodevelopmental Treatment Association. ISBN: 0972461515.
- Bly, L. (1998). Motor skills acquisition in the first year: An illustrated guide to normal development. New York, NY: Elsevier. ISBN: 0127845526.
- Gallahue, D. L., Ozmun, J. C., & Goodway, J. D. (2012). *Understanding motor development: Infants, children, adolescents, adults* (7th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw Hill. ISBN: 978-0073376509.
- Wright-Ott, C. (2015). Mobility. In J. Case-Smith and J. C. O'Brien (Eds.). *Occupational therapy for children and adults* (7th ed.). (pp. 560-594). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby. ISBN: 978-0323169257.

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