

Erik Erikson's Psychosocial Theory

Purpose

To assist with finding information about Erik Erikson's theory of personality development including the eight stages identified in the human life cycle.

Introduction to the Topic

Psychiatric mental health nursing: concepts of care in evidence-based practice by Mary C. Townsend (2006)

[Erik Erikson, 1902 - 1994.](#)

Key Resources

Lifespan development by Denise Boyd (2008)

[Erikson's stages of development](#)—Brief outline of stages

Background References

[Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia, 6th Edition](#)

[Kaplan & Sadock's Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry](#)
(Online from Books@Ovid* or in print in Libraries)

Resources

Books

- *Theory-directed nursing practice* by Shirley Melat Ziegler (2005)
- *Three theories of child development* by Henry W. Maier (1969)
- *Human development: A life-span approach* by F. Phillip Rice (2006)
- *Human growth and development* by Frank Wesley (1980)
- *The life cycle completed* by Erik H. Erikson (1982)

Journals

- *Advances in Nursing Science*
- *American Journal of Family Therapy*
- *Educational Gerontology*
- *Issues in Mental Health Nursing Journal of Advanced Nursing*
- *Psychology and Aging*
- *Western Journal of Nursing Research*

Articles

- "Erik Erikson: critical times, critical theory."
Child Psychiatry And Human Development (1997 Fall)

Search Tips

Search Terms

Use for computer searches e.g. Google

- Erikson's theory of human development
- Erikson's developmental stages
- Use "Erikson" or "lifespan" for keyword search

Subject Terms

Search [CoxHealth Libraries Online Catalog](#) or [Databases*](#)

- Erikson, Erik
- Psychosocial development
- Human development—social learning theory
- Child development

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- WM 100 (NLM)
- WS 105 (NLM)
- BF 713 (Library of Congress)
- BF 721 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- [Academic Search Elite](#) (via Ebsco)
- [CINAHL*](#) (via Ebsco)
- [Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection*](#) (via Ebsco)
- [ERIC](#) (Education Resources Information Center)

Library Online Catalogs

- [CoxHealth Libraries Catalog](#)
- [World Cat - World-wide Catalog](#)

- “Nursing theory views on how to support the process of ageing.” *Journal of Advanced Nursing* (2003 Apr)
- “Creativity and coping in later life.” *Generations* (2006 Spring)
- “Quality of life in old age described as a sense of well-being, meaning and value.” *Journal of Advanced Nursing* (2000 Oct)
- “Adult adjustment to chronic illness: a review of the literature.” *Health & Social Work* (1997 Feb)
- “Spirituality and child development: a concept analysis.” *Journal of Advanced Nursing* (2004 Feb)
- “Sense of coherence among the elderly in relation to their perceived life history in an Eriksonian perspective.” *Aging & Mental Health* (1997 Aug)

Web Pages

- [Mnemonic for Erikson's eight stages of development](#)
- [Child Development Institute](#)
- [Socioemotional development](#) *Educational Psychology Interactive* (2008)

Multimedia Resources

- [The Psych Files: Erikson's eight stages of life](#) (2007) [Podcast, PowerPoint]

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