For your consideration, I am presenting this proposal to take Advanced General Psychology for Honors By Contract credit. I am currently enrolled at Broward College and intend to pursue a double major in Behavioral Psychology and ASL (American Sign Language Interpreter). My area of interest for this project will be the effect of a Deaf infant on its parents with emphasis on the recognized medical, clinical and situational traumas; and the emotional difficulties facing choices between sign language and alternatives.

I am proposing a 5-8 page research paper, which I will title “Our Perfect Baby is Not So Perfect”. While I will use at least five reference sources (APA STYLE) and any applicable Appendices (copies of graphs, transcripts, etc) for: statistics; early intervention diagnosis protocol; ASL vs digital technologies (Cochlear Implants) and medical, clinical and emotional trauma. I intend to add a service element by spending several hours at regional facilities that currently offer assistance to parents of Deaf infants such as the Gold Coast Florida Department of Health “Early
Steps” Program (located in Ft Lauderdale), and the Florida School For The Deaf and The Blind “ELC Toddler Class” (located in St Augustine). I will also use a questionnaire and interview the director of these programs; and analyze and report the summary of the information relayed by these individuals as well as my interpretation of my observations of these programs and their effectiveness.

The objective of this project is for me to develop a better insight and understanding of the significant issues a new parent faces with a Deaf infant and the roles a therapist and interpreter play in the complexity of the treatment and parent choices.

I will schedule at least two meetings during the semester with my professor to review updates on the progress of the project / paper. The deadline for the completion of the Project will be May 2015. I understand that I must complete the contract requirements and receive an A for the Project to receive the Honors credit.
Proposal for Honors by Contract

I would like to take Child Psychology (DEP2002) for Honors credit. With the help of my professor, I believe that the best way to engage and enrich my understanding of the course material will be to create an instructional blog (IB) about a topic in child development approved by Dr. Franco. An IB refers to a blog created as a classroom assignment to promote student learning. My area of interest is diversity and cultural factors that influence child development in educational settings. My major is Elementary Education and researching this topic will help me to (a) better understand the issues that are present in diverse classrooms where I will be teaching one day and (b) develop better communication skills with children and parents with a different culture than I have. I will research before each post and then post on what I learned on my blog. The target audience I will write for will be elementary school teachers and education teachers. In preparation for creating this IB, I will follow 3-5 other blogs written by professionals on the topic of cultural and diversity influences on child development in educational settings.

I will conduct research to first learn about the ethical guidelines for blogging as well as issues related to online safety and privacy. I will educate myself on the copyright laws applicable to blogging. Some resources I will use include


Copyright and Blogs: http://www.dailyblogtips.com/copyright-law-12-dos-and-donts/

Creative Commons: http://creativecommons.org

By creating a blog, I will be able to learn about child development and apply what I learn to a topic that has personal and professional value to me as an education major. In addition, by writing this blog I will enhance my critical thinking, research, and writing skills. I will write from a scientific perspective and I will present factual information based on research. I will have the option to invite other students in the class to read my blog as well as family and friends. I will receive feedback on each blog entry from Dr. Franco.
My honors by contract project for the fall 2014 term will consist of a 1500 word research paper that analyzes the physics behind certain video games, namely Portal. It will also consist of program(s) that I will create on Khan Academy to help visualize specific physical concepts found within video games. Many of the concepts studied in PHY2048 are used in video games to make them seem more lifelike, or are used with games such as Portal that actively portray physical concepts as part of the game (e.g. gravity, velocity). This project will give me a better sense of how programs create the physical laws in our world in an environment that not only doesn’t have them, but is restricted to using binary numbers to do so (1’s and 0’s). The programming aspect of the project will take place on Khan Academy, and will portray the same physical concepts as the ones taught in class as well as on the video games I will be researching. All sources used for this project will be given credit throughout the research paper and a bibliography including but not limited to: The Teach with Portals website http://www.teachwithportals.com/, University Physics with Modern Physics by Hugh D. Young, the article “Physics, With Wormholes by You” by Seth Schiesel, and The Evolution of Physics in Video Games by Bjarni Þór Árnason. A completed research paper will be turned in at the end of the term, as well as a direct link to the program.
Professor: Dr. Quianthy

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Project Proposal

As a student of Broward College and part of the Honor Institute, I present this motivating project to enhance my knowledge. The object of this project is to analyze from the rhetorical and public speaking point of view one of the most famous speeches in history: "I Have a Dream Speech" by Martin L. King Jr delivered on August 28, 1963. I will analyze the purpose, main ideas, message, and rhetoric of the speech, as well as the audience and the body language of the speaker. This analysis will be done within the historic, religious, and political context that United States and the world were facing. The analysis will be based on the actual video and the official transcript of the speech.

The project is going to be challenging for me because public speaking is a vital tool in the health career that I am pursuing. One of the main goals of a nurse is to build a good rapport with patients. As a result, I will have the ability to analyze and evaluate more critically any type of speech and to learn to read more than just written letters. I will have a written report with the official transcript attached including five sources, internal citations, and 3000 words long.