Child and Family Development B.S. (Concentration in Child Development)

Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

General Requirements (Core Areas A - E) 42

Additional Requirements 4

Area F - Course Appropriate to Major 18

CHFD 1131 Introduction to Family Science
CHFD 2130 Family Economic Environment
CHFD 2135 Child Development
CHFD 2136 Intro to Family Services
CISM 1110 Computer Applications
or COMM 1120 and Computer Concepts
1110

PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology
or SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology

Major Requirements

Child and Family Development Core 27-30

CHFD 3131 Birth to 5 Methods
CHFD 3133 Diversity in Human Development
CHFD 3135 Youth Development
CHFD 3136 Adult Development and Later Life
CHFD 3139 Parent Education and Guidance
CHFD 4138 Professional Development
CHFD 4790 Internship in Child and Family Development

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CHFD 3234 Young Children with Special Needs
CHFD 4130 Administration of Programs for Children and Youth
CHFD 4131 Teaching Preschool
CHFD 4136 Assessment of Children
CHFD 4150 Families, Schools, and Community Partnerships (CHFD 4150)

Select nine credit hours from the following Guided Electives:

CHFD 3130 Research Methods
CHFD 3137 Introduction to Child Life
CHFD 3232 Sexuality in Human Development
CHFD 3235 Therapeutic Benefits of Play in Child Life
CHFD 4090 Selected Topics in Child and Family Development
CHFD 4132 Death and Bereavement across the Lifespan
CHFD 4133 Programming and Evaluation for Family Services

CHFD 4134 Family Life Education
CHFD 4899 Directed Individual Study
RECR 2131 Introduction to Recreational Therapy
RECR 4135 Intervention Techniques in Recreational Therapy
SOCI 4231 Child Welfare and Family Services
SOCI 4232 Social Welfare Policy and Services

Foreign Language Requirement or “Significant International Content” course

Select one Foreign Language Requirement or “Significant International Content” course 3

Elective 3-6

Total Credit Hours 124

Program Admission Criteria

• Admission to Georgia Southern University
• A total institution GPA of 2.0 or better on all course work attempted (transfer course work and work completed at Georgia Southern University are considered)
• Completed a minimum of 30 credit hours
• A minimum grade of “C” in all Area F course work attempted
• Satisfactory completion of a Department of Early Care and Learning comprehensive criminal background check and finger printing prior to taking CHFD 3131.

Program Progression Requirements

• Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all courses in Area F, the Child and Family Development Core, the selected concentration area, and guided major electives.
• Students must also earn a minimum grade of “C” in a prerequisite course prior to registering for an advanced course.
• Students must have a total institutional GPA of 2.5 or better, and completed all core curriculum and major degree requirements, earning a grade of “C” in all courses in Area F and within the major requirements, including within their concentration prior to interning. Students who do not meet the 2.5 GPA requirements will complete nine to twelve (9-12) credit hours of approved course work as substitute for the internship.

Honors in Child and Family Development

To graduate with Honors in Child and Family Development, a student must

• be admitted to the University Honors Program;
• successfully complete at least three credits of Honors Research Seminar (HONS 4610) over three semesters;
• successfully complete and present an Honors Thesis or Capstone Project;
• be in good standing in the University Honors Program at the time of graduation.

Advisement

Contact the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Student Services Center for information regarding admission and advisement.