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

Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

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

| Credit Hours |
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| General Requirements (Core Areas A - E) | 42 |
| Additional Requirements | 4 |
| Area F - Courses 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
- CISM 1120 & CISM 1110 Computer Concepts
- or COMM 1110 Public Speaking
- 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 3232 Sexuality in Human Development
- CHFD 4132 Death and Bereavement across the Lifespan
- CHFD 4133 Programming and Evaluation for Family Services
- CHFD 4134 Family Life Education
- CHFD 4237 Legal and Public Policies Affecting Families

Select nine credit hours from the following Guided Electives:

- CHFD 2137 Lifespan Development
- CHFD 3130 Research Methods
- CHFD 3234 Young Children with Special Needs
- CHFD 4090 Selected Topics in Child and Family Development
- CHFD 4899 Directed Individual Study
- PSYC 3101 Abnormal Psychology
- SOCI 4138 Sociology of the Family
- 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
- Completion of criminal background check and finger printing procedure.

**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 2.5 total institution GPA the semester prior to applying for the . 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.