

Early Childhood Education

Program Description:

This four-year program leads to a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree in early childhood education. It is for students interested in working with young children from birth to age eight. Students are expected to acquire an understanding of the developmental pattern of the young child in such areas as cognition, emotion, social interaction and physical growth. This understanding will be the basis for working with groups of children and will culminate in a practicum.

A total of 124 credits is required.

Career Descriptions:

Graduates of this program normally seek administrative or teaching positions with day care centers (private, public, and military base centers), head start programs, and in non-certified public and private school programs, and other facilities designed for the care and development of young children.

Pre-school Administrative Position — Acts as a center's director or assistant director.

Pre-school Teaching Position — Acts as lead teacher, assistant teacher or Head Start teacher.

Early Childhood Education Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts

Departmental Requirements

CHLD101	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
CHLD105	Child Guidance & Welfare	3
CHLD110	Curriculum Development and Teaching Practices	3
CHLD111	Infants & Toddlers: Developmentally Appropriate Practices	3
CHLD220	Early Childhood Literature	3
CHLD260	Practicum I	4
CHLD261	Practicum II	4
CHLD270	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3
CHLD340	Practicum III: Field Experiences	4
CHLD420	Emergent Literacy	3
CHLD430	Directed Studies in Early Childhood Education	4

Support Courses

ARTS212	Art for Elementary Teachers	3
BIOL105	Function of the Human Body	4
HLTH104	Nutrition for Early Childhood	3
HLTH181	First Aid	1
MUSC235	Music for Elementary Teachers	3
PSYC155	Lifespan Development	3
	<i>or</i>	
PSYC265	Child & Adolescent Development	3
PSYC301	Exceptional Child & Adolescent	3
SOCY113	Sociology of the American Family	3

General Education Requirements

COMM101	Fund. of Speech Communication	3
ENGL110	First-Year Composition I	3
ENGL111	First-Year Composition II	3
HUMN251	Humanities I	4
HUMN	Elective	3-4
NSCI	Elective	4
	Social Science	6-8
	Social Science Diversity	3-4
MATH110	(or higher) Explorations in Mathematics	3
	<i>or</i>	
PHIL205	Logic	3

Approved Minor (20-24)

BA Requirement	- one year of foreign language	8
	<i>or</i>	
BS Requirement	- eight credits from natural science, social science or mathematics not used for general education	

Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science

Career Choices:

Pre-school Administrative position

Pre-school Teaching position

Student Profile:

Are you ...

interested in the care and development of children from birth to age 8?

Bachelor Degrees

Bachelor of Science Degree:

At least eight (8) semester credits *in addition* to courses used for general education requirements from categories of social science, natural science or mathematics.

These bachelor of science degree requirements can be used for majors or minors, but not general education.

Bachelor of Arts Degree:

One year (8 credits) of a modern language other than English. If taken at LSSU, this would be:

CHIN151-152, FREN151-152 or 251-252, GRMN141-142 or 241-242, NATV141-142 or 201-202, or SPAN161-162.

One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.