



COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION AND
HUMAN SCIENCES

EARLY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT



OVERVIEW

Prepare to work in early childhood settings with young children by completing this 100-percent online, 120-hour degree program. As an Early Child Care and Development student, you will learn to create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging for each child. You will also become skilled in designing, implementing and evaluating experiences that promote positive development for young children. Graduates are qualified to work in a variety of programs that offer early care and education in the community and on military installations. Early Child Care and Development is delivered collaboratively by seven universities through Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (Great Plains IDEA).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Curriculum developed by early childcare experts across seven partner universities.
- Three integrated practicum experiences provide hands-on opportunities and broad exposure to diverse, real-life scenarios.
- Focus on ethics and guidelines related to early childhood practice, as well as classroom management and program administration experience.
- This degree program does not lead to teaching licensure.

NOTABLE NUMBERS



This degree is **100% online**

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

“After graduation, I was hired as the preschool teacher and onsite supervisor/team leader at the center where I did my last practicum. After a year-and-a-half at that center, I became the Assistant Director as a KinderCare. I love my new position and balancing time in the classroom with administrative work.”

- Recent Early Childcare and Development alumnus

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Note: Students planning to transfer into this program should focus on meeting the general education requirements listed below and should expect to transfer no more than three program-specific courses as identified below.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

AREA	HOURS	TO BE SELECTED FROM
English Composition	6	ENGL 1113 and ENGL 1213
American History and Government	6	HIST 1103 (or 1483 or 1493) and POLS 1113
Analytical and Quantitative Thought (A)	3	MATH course designated (A)
Humanities (H)	6	Courses designated (H)
Natural Science (N) <small>Must include one Laboratory Science (L) Course</small>	6	Courses designated (N)
Social and Behavioral Sciences (S)	3	Courses designated (S)
Additional General Education	10	Courses designated A, H, N or S
College/Departmental Requirements	5	EDHS 1112 or EDHS 3112: First-Year Seminar and HDFS 2113: Lifespan Human Development
Electives	24	Electives can be met with any additional courses providing student meets required prerequisites

COURSE CURRICULUM

HDFS 3023: Child Development Birth to 3

HDFS 3033: Child Development 4-8

HDFS 3043: Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators

HDFS 4013: Practicum I in Early Childhood

HDFS 3263: Curriculum Development for Birth to 3

HDFS 3273: Curriculum Development for ages 4-8

HDFS 3283: Assessing Young Children and Environments

HDFS 3293: Developmental Differences

HDFS 3053: Child Guidance and Classroom Environments

HDFS 4023: Practicum II in Early Childhood

HDFS 3303: Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood

HDFS 3063: Health, Safety and Nutrition

HDFS 3313: Technology and Young Children

HDFS 3323: Diversity of Young Children and Families

HDFS 3333: Working with Families

HDFS 4036: Practicum III in Early Childhood

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Student admission is conditional until 30 degree-applicable credit hours are completed with a minimum 2.5 overall GPA (must include a “Lifespan Human Development” course).
- Transfer students may transfer six credit hours of core courses, not including professional development courses. Approved courses are Child Development Birth to Age 3 course and Health, Safety and Nutrition course.
- 2.5 overall GPA or higher must be maintained throughout the entirety of the program. No course can be taken more than twice due to failure or incomplete status.
- Waiver of Practicum 1 for students with qualifying experience (dependent on specifics of past work experiences and must be approved by a committee of program faculty).

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT SERVICES

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