

CHILD LIFE CONCENTRATION

The child life concentration is designed for students interested in pursuing certification as a Child Life Specialist through the Association for Child Life Professionals in order to pursue certification. Students in the Child Life concentration are encouraged to check with the Child and Family Studies division director related to non-academic requirement for becoming a certified Child Life Specialist.

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
Minimum Requirement		(124)
Residence Requirement		(60)
Grade point average – minimum of 2.75 ("B-") overall to enter and remain in concentration.		
<i>Chapel</i>		
Complete two semesters of Chapel		0
ENG 2310	American Literary Cultures	3
HIS 1300	The United States in Global Perspective	3
PSC 1387	The U.S. Constitution, Its Interpretation, and the American Political Experience	3
<i>Religion</i>		
REL 1310	The Christian Scriptures	3
REL 1350	The Christian Heritage	3
<i>Communication and Media Literacy</i>		
CFS 3354	Family Life Education and Ethics	3
<i>Contemporary and Social Issues</i>		
Select one course from the following:		3
CFS 4356	The Family: A Global Perspective	
SOC 1305	Introduction to Sociology	
PSY 1305	Psychological Science: Understanding Human Behavior	
REL 3390	Christian Ethics	
ANT 1325	Introduction to Global Health	
<i>Fine Arts and Performing Arts</i>		
HSD 1231	Design and Creative Technologies	2
<i>Foreign Languages & Cultures</i>		
Select 6 hours from the Foreign Language and Cultures Distribution List		6
<i>Formal Reasoning</i>		
Select one course from the following:		3
MTH 1301	Ideas in Mathematics	
PHI 1306	Logic	
STA 1380	Elementary Statistics	
<i>Research, Writing & Literature</i>		
ENG 1310	Writing and Academic Inquiry Seminars	3
PWR 3300	Technical Writing	3
<i>Scientific Method I</i>		
Select one of the following:		4
BIO 1305 & BIO 1105	Modern Concepts of Bioscience and Modern Concepts of Bioscience Laboratory	

BIO 1306 & BIO 1106	Modern Concepts of Bioscience, continued and Modern Concepts of Bioscience Laboratory	
BIO 1401	Current Issues in Human Biology	
NSC 1306 & NSC 1106	Introduction to Neuroscience and Introduction to Neuroscience Laboratory	
CHE 1300 & CHE 1100	Introductory Chemistry and Introductory Chemistry Laboratory	
CHE 1301 & CHE 1101	Basic Principles of Modern Chemistry I and General Chemistry Laboratory I	
<i>Scientific Method II</i>		
NUTR 3314	Consumer Nutrition	3
<i>Lifetime Fitness</i>		
Select three semester hours		3
Major		
<i>Child and Family Studies Courses: Child Life Concentration</i>		
CFS 1315	Development of Individual and Family Relationships	3
CFS 2355	Child Development	3
CFS 2357	Adult Development	3
CFS 3304	Introduction to Research	3
CFS 3350	Individual and Family Financial Management	3
CFS 3356	Theories of Family Development	3
CFS 3358	Infant and Toddler Development	3
CFS 3362	Child Life Theory and Practice	3
CFS 3368	Theory and Principles of Play	3
CFS 4191	Professional Practices in Child and Family Studies	1
CFS 4358	Planning and Administration of Child and Family Programs	3
CFS 4359	Parenting Theory and Approaches	3
CFS 4363	Middle Childhood and Adolescent Development	3
CFS 4390	Child and Family Studies Practicum ¹	3
<i>Required Courses in Other Fields</i>		
Complete 13 semester hours from the following:		13
BIO 2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology of Motion and Innervation	
CLA 3381	Medical Terminology	
PUBH 4321	Human Sexuality	
PUBH 4327 or SWO 4316	Dying and Death Education Trauma, Loss, and Mourning	
<i>Professional Electives</i>		
Select one of the following options:		15
Option 1		

Completed minor in a supporting area, such as Communication Sciences & Disorders, Educational Psychology, International Studies, Leadership Studies, Medical Humanities, Nutrition Sciences, Poverty Studies and Social Justice, Religion, and Women's and Gender Studies. No more than one course in the minor can count for any other area in the major or degree requirements. See individual minors for course and grade requirements. General electives hours may be required to complete some minors.

Option 2

Select 15 hours in addition to any courses selected in (B) above from the following:

Select 15 hours in addition to any courses selected in "Required Courses in Other Fields" above from the following:

BIO 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology of Metabolism and Processing (Select 15 hours in addition to any courses selected above in "Required Courses in Other Fields" from the following:)

LS 3305 Children's Literature

LS 4320 Young People's Literature

PUBH 3325 Maternal and Infant Health

REL 3382 Cross-Cultural Ministry

REL 3390 Christian Ethics

REL 4395 Bioethics

SOC 4353 Sociology of Medicine

SOC 4357 Health Inequalities in America

SWO 4316 Trauma, Loss, and Mourning

Option 3: Family Life Education Certification ²

Complete the following courses to satisfy coursework requirements for certification in Family Life Education:

CFS 4356 The Family: A Global Perspective

CFS 4367 Family Transitions, Stress, and Resilience

CFS 4357 Child and Family Policy and Advocacy

or SWO 4322 Social Policy for Social Work Practice

Six additional hours of upper-level elective from Option 2

HSD Core ³

HSD 1104	New Student Seminar in Human Sciences and Design	1
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Electives

Semester hours to reach 124 minimum hours, if needed ⁴	7
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A grade of "C" or better in Human Sciences and Design Courses (ADM, CFS, HSD, ID, or NUTR), required courses in other fields (section B above), and all professional electives used for the major.

An approved, on-site internship is required following the completion of prerequisite courses. ¹

Students will need 50 – 100 volunteer hours of clinical experience, a Child Life practicum, a Child Life Internship, and a passing grade on the Child Life Certification exam to become a Child Life Specialist.

Total Hours	124
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² If this option is selected, CFS 4356 The Family: A Global Perspective cannot count as the Contemporary Social Issues course for basic studies.

³ HSD 1231 Design and Creative Technologies and NUTR 3314 Consumer Nutrition are included in basic studies courses above.

⁴ Students may complete CFS 4695 Internship in Child Life to satisfy some of these hours.

¹ The required, for-credit course, CFS 4390 Child and Family Studies Practicum (listed above), provides credit for the internship experience.