

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.

Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Must complete all requirements for the (https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/human-sciences-design/child-family-studies/cfsmaj major. please ensure careful review of general education requirements specific to this concentration as deviations from the hhs bs core are concentration-specific.) Health and Human Sciences BS Core (https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/#requirementstext) and the		
CFS 3358	Infant and Toddler Development	3
CFS 3362	Child Life Theory and Practice	3
CFS 3368	Theory and Principles of Play	3
CFS 4363	Middle Childhood and Adolescent Development	3

Required Courses in Other Fields

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	Dying and Death Education	
or SWO 4316	Trauma, Loss, and Mourning	

Professional Electives

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 "Required Courses in Other Fields" above from the following:

BIO 2402	Human Anatomy and Physiology of Metabolism and Processing
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	
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.	
Grade point average – minimum of 2.75 ("B-") to enter and remain in the concentration	
Total Hours	40

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

² If this option is selected, CFS 4356 The Family: A Global Perspective cannot count as the Contemporary Social Issues course for the General Education requirement.