BSHES in Human Dev. & Family Studies with Emphasis in Early Childhood Education in a Mobile Society

Degree Program Description

This online bachelor's of science degree prepares students to work in the field of early childhood education. This program emphasizes the following areas: Child development, growth, and learning; Early education curricula and frameworks; Learning activities, technology use, and other experiences for young children; Family and community influences on children; Challenges facing families in today's world; Assessment of children and environments; Professional and ethical standards; Hands-on experiences and clinical practice. Upon completion of the program, students are qualified to work in various early education and care settings serving children from birth through eight years in a wide variety of community and military settings, including early education centers and preschools, family and home care settings, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and before/after school programs.

Major Program Requirements

The program is offered by Human Development and Family Science faculty in conjunction with other university partners as part of the Great Plains IDEA. Interested applicants will apply for admission to this program through the undergraduate admissions office at the University of Missouri and to the Department of Human Development and Family Science. Courses will be taught by University of Missouri faculty and by scholars from other Great Plains IDEA institutions, including Iowa State University, Michigan State University, Oklahoma State University, South Dakota State University, Texas Tech University, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Your degree will be awarded by the University of Missouri.

Applying

To be admitted, you must already have completed at least 30 credits general education requirements earning at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA). These hours must include a Human Lifespan Development course or equivalent.

For information about applying to this program, visit Mizzou Online (http://online.missouri.edu/degreeprograms/human-development/early-care-education/howtoapply.aspx).

Contact Information

Please contact the Human Environmental Sciences Student Services office at HESstudentservices@missouri.edu or Ehren Oncken, the undergraduate enrollment counselor at Mizzou Online, at (800) 609-3727, with questions about this program.

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student’s actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.