Certificate in Applied Child and Youth Development

Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) (https://hdfs.missouri.edu/) focuses on human development across the lifespan, social interactions and relationships with others, and family process, health, and function. Through the Certificate in Applied Child and Youth Development (https://hdfs.missouri.edu/degrees/certificate-in-applied-child-and-youth-development/) program, students will enhance their knowledge of children and their development. Social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of children from infancy through adolescence is explored. Topics include growth patterns, risk and resilience factors, environmental factors, brain development, cognitive and language development, social and emotional development, perceptual and sensory motor development, and other relevant/current topics. Environmental factors, such as how family, poverty, education, technology, shape child and youth development are also addressed. Any student pursuing a career in which they will work with children will benefit from this knowledge. This certificate may be earned independently, or as supplement to a bachelor's degree.

Requirements

Students seeking to earn the Certificate in Applied Child and Youth Development will complete three required child and adolescent development courses, and then also select a minimum of three credit hours from a list of additional approved child and youth development courses for a total of 12 credit hours.

To complete the Certificate in Applied Child and Youth Development, students must earn a grade of "C-" or better in each certificate course and a minimum 2.00 GPA overall for the certificate courses taken.

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<th>Required Courses</th>
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<td>H_D_FS 3050 Child Development: Infancy and Toddlerhood</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 3150 Child Development: Preschool to Pre Adolescence</td>
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<td>or H_D_FS 3150W Child Development: Preschool to Pre-Adolescence - Writing Intensive</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 3430 Adolescence and Young Adulthood</td>
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<td>Choose at least one course from list below:</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 3500 Infant-Toddler Practicum</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 3650 Diversity in the Lives of Young Children and Families</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 3550 Technology and Young Children</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 3800 Children's Play</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 4400 Childhood Death and Bereavement</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 4700 Children and Families in Poverty</td>
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* Some courses may have prerequisites. Consult with a certificate advisor to plan your schedule of certificate courses.