

Certificate in Applied Child and Youth Development

Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) 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 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.

Required Courses:		9
H_D_FS 3050	Child Development: Infancy and Toddlerhood	3
H_D_FS 3150	Child Development: Preschool to Pre-Adolescence	3
or H_D_FS 3150W	Child Development: Preschool to Pre-Adolescence - Writing Intensive	
H_D_FS 3430	Adolescence and Young Adulthood	3
Additional Approved		3
Choose at least one course from list below:		
H_D_FS 3500	Infant-Toddler Practicum	6
H_D_FS 3650	Diversity in the Lives of Young Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 3550	Technology and Young Children	3
H_D_FS 3700	Preschool Practicum	6
H_D_FS 3800	Children's Play	3
H_D_FS 4100	Children in Healthcare Settings	3
H_D_FS 4200	Latino/a Children, Youth, and Families	3
H_D_FS 4300	Black Children, Youth, and Families	3
H_D_FS 4400	Childhood Death and Bereavement	3
H_D_FS 4700	Children and Families in Poverty	3

* Some courses may have prerequisites. Consult with a certificate advisor to plan your schedule of certificate courses.