

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, BS

Program Description

The bachelor in early childhood education prepares professionals to provide high quality education and care for children birth through age eight in a wide variety of settings. Graduates are qualified to work as teachers and directors in private early childhood programs; state-funded preschool programs, such as Great Start Readiness Preschool; and federally-funded HeadStart programs. Students develop their understanding of typically and atypically developing children through integrated coursework and field experience, as well as two semester-long practicums. The required minor provides the opportunity for students to explore a related field, adding to their knowledge and skills for working with young children and their parents, or expanding their expertise for employment opportunities.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Candidates demonstrate their content area knowledge in the design, implementation, and evaluation of experiences that result in developmental and learning outcomes for each child.
- Candidates apply their knowledge and understanding of young children's typical and atypical developmental needs to create healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environments for each child.
- Candidates demonstrate in-depth knowledge of systematic observations, documentation, and assessment strategies through the effective use of these techniques to promote positive outcomes for each child.
- Candidates demonstrate understanding and value of the important and complex characteristics of children's families and communities in their development of respectful, reciprocal relationships and partnerships.
- Candidates demonstrate professional dispositions throughout coursework, field experience, and practicums.
- Candidates demonstrate professional identification with and leadership skills in the early childhood field through articulating and advocating for sound professional practices and public policies.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Departmental Requirements		
CHLD 101	Intro to Early Childhood Ed	4
CHLD 103	Learning Env for Young Child	4
CHLD 150	Observation and Assessment	4
CHLD 210	Infants and Toddlers	4
CHLD 225	Emergent Literacy	3
CHLD 241	STEM Foundations Young Child	4
CHLD 242	Creativity and Humanities	4
CHLD 245	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
CHLD 260	Practicum I	4
CHLD 270	Admin Early Childhood Programs	2
CHLD 310	Inc Chld Spec Needs in Setting	3
CHLD 330	Phil Foundation Early Child Ed	2

CHLD 350	Early Childhood Facilities Mgt	2
CHLD 410	Practicum II	4
CHLD 440	Family/Community Partnerships	3
CHLD 495	Senior Project Early Child Ed	4
Cognate Requirements		
EDUC 101	Self as Learner	2
BIOL 105	Function of the Human Body	4
EMED 181	First Aid	1
HLTH 104	Nutrition for Early Childhood	3
SOCY 103	Cultural Diversity	3
Free Electives		9
Total Hours		76

Approved Minor (minimum 20 credits)

General Education: All LSSU bachelor's degree candidates must complete the LSSU General Education Requirements.

A minimum of 124 credits (at the 100 level or higher) must be earned for graduation with a cumulative gpa of 2.00 or higher. A gpa of 2.00 or higher is also required in your Major, as well as in your General Education Requirements.