

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (CHILD LIFE)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/human-development-family-studies-counseling/undergraduate-programs/child-development/>

The B.S. in Child Development with a Child Life Emphasis prepares students to compete for placement in Child Life Internships. Course work prepares students for work with children and families in healthcare and community settings. Upon completion of this degree, students may be eligible to pursue certification through the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP).

The B.S. in Child Development - Child Life Emphasis program is endorsed by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) (<https://www.childlife.org/certification/certification-resources/endorsed-program-directory/>).

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Design developmentally appropriate activities for children.
2. Developmental assessment skills.
3. Written communication skills.
4. Interpersonal skills.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 64 SCH

Program Code: CHLDEV.BS; **CIP Code:** 19.0706.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3

POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
HDFS 1001	Seminar in Family Sciences	1
HDFS 1513	Human Development	3
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community	3
HDFS 2503	Development of Infants and Toddlers	3
HDFS 2513	Early Childhood Development	3
HDFS 2523	Wellness of the Young Child	3
HDFS 2563	Childhood Guidance	3
HDFS 3323	Separation and Loss	3
HDFS 3403	Concept Development in Early Childhood Programs	3
ECE 3413	Program Planning and Administration of Programs for Young Children	3
HDFS 3423	Play and Development in Early Childhood	3
HDFS 3513	Childhood and Adolescence	3
HDFS 3523	The Care and Education of Children: A Global Perspective	3
HDFS 3533	Research Methods in Family Sciences	3
HDFS 3563	Creative Arts and Literature for Young Children	3
HDFS 3613	Crisis in the American Family	3
HDFS 4403	Child Life: Working With Hospitalized Children and Families	3
HDFS 4533 or HDFS 4543	Communication and the Family Developmental Sexuality	3
HDFS 4583	Parenting Issues and Education	3
HDFS 4803 or SOWK 3453	Public Policy: Family Sciences Perspectives Children's Rights and Services	3
HDFS 4923	Professional Development in Family Sciences (Grade of "B" or higher required)	3
HDFS 4943	Practicum in Family Sciences (Grade of "B" or higher required)	3
Total SCHs		64

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
HS 3033	Medical Terminology	3
Total SCHs		3

Electives

Code	Title	SCHs
Electives		11
Total SCHs		11

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: The First Year Experience	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
MATH 1013	Financial and Quantitative Literacy	MATH 1332	3
HDFS 1513	Human Development		3
Elective			2
SCHs			15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 1001	Seminar in Family Sciences (Must take in 1st or 2nd semester)		1
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
Social & Behavioral Science Core			3
Wellness/Mathematics CAO Core			2
Creative Arts Core			3
SCHs			15

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 2563	Childhood Guidance		3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core			3
Life/Physical Science Core			3
Multicultural Women's Studies Core			3
SCHs			15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community	TECA 1303	3
HDFS 2503	Development of Infants and Toddlers		3
HDFS 2513	Early Childhood Development	TECA 1354	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Life/Physical Science Core			3
SCHs			15

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 2523	Wellness of the Young Child	TECA 1318	3
HDFS 3403	Concept Development in Early Childhood Programs		3
ECE 3413	Program Planning and Administration of Programs for Young Children		3
HDFS 3613	Crisis in the American Family		3
HDFS 3533	Research Methods in Family Sciences		3
SCHs			15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 3513	Childhood and Adolescence		3
HDFS 3523	The Care and Education of Children: A Global Perspective		3
HDFS 3563	Creative Arts and Literature for Young Children		3
HS 3033	Medical Terminology		3
Electives			3
SCHs			15

Fourth Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 4403	Child Life: Working With Hospitalized Children and Families		3
HDFS 4533	Communication and the Family or 4543 or Developmental Sexuality (Developmental Sexuality)		3
HDFS 4923	Professional Development in Family Sciences		3
Electives			6
SCHs			15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 3323	Separation and Loss		3
HDFS 3423	Play and Development in Early Childhood		3
HDFS 4583	Parenting Issues and Education		3
HDFS 4803	Public Policy: Family Sciences or SOWK		3
3453	or Children's Rights and Services (Children's Rights and Services)		3
HDFS 4943	Practicum in Family Sciences		3
SCHs			15
Total SCHs:			120

*Please note that this plan does not include summer semesters. Students can take fewer courses during fall and spring if they opt to take courses in the summer.