

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (CHILD LIFE)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/human-sciences/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. Coursework 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 (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) 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 (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

## Degree Requirements

**Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH):** 120

**Major:** 64 SCH

**Program Code:** CHLDDEV.BS.CHLDLIFE; **CIP Code:** 19.0706.00

### Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3

HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>42</b>

### Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Lower Level Courses</b>		
HDFS 1001	Seminar in Family Sciences (Take first or second semester)	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 2563	Childhood Guidance	3
Choice of 4 additional HDFS or ECE courses		12
<b>Upper Level Courses</b>		
HDFS 3323	Separation and Loss	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 3613	Crisis in the American Family	3
HDFS 4403	Child Life: Working With Hospitalized Children and Families	3
HDFS 4923	Professional Development in Family Sciences (Grade of "B" or higher required)	3
HDFS 4943	Practicum in Family Sciences (Last semester. Grade of "B" or higher required)	3
Choose 3 courses from the following list:		9
HDFS 4103	Issues and Trends in Family Sciences	
HDFS 4533	Communication and the Family	
HDFS 4583	Parenting Issues and Education	
HDFS 4803	Public Policy: Family Sciences Perspectives	
SOWK 3453	Children's Rights and Services	
SOWK 3513	Culturally Competent Practice	
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>64</b>

### Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
HS 3033	Medical Terminology	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>3</b>

### Electives

Code	Title	SCHs
Electives		11
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>11</b>

## Recommended Plan of Study

### First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: the First-Year Seminar	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	
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
Wellness/Mathematics CAO Core			2
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community	TECA 1303	3
HDFS 2503	Development of Infants and Toddlers		3

**SCHs 15**

### Second Year

Fall		TCCN	
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core			3
Life/Physical Science Core			3
HDFS 2513	Early Childhood Development	TECA 1354	3
HDFS Lower Level Choice			3

**SCHs 15**

Spring		TCCN	
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Life/Physical Science Core			3
HDFS 2563	Childhood Guidance		3
HDFS Lower Level Choice			3
HDFS Lower Level Choice			3

**SCHs 15**

### Third Year

Fall		TCCN	
Social & Behavioral Sciences Core			3
Creative Arts Core			3
HDFS Lower Level Choice			3
HDFS 3423	Play and Development in Early Childhood		3
HDFS 3613	Crisis in the American Family		3

**SCHs 15**

Spring		TCCN	
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

HS 3033	Medical Terminology	3
Multicultural Women's Studies CAO Core		3

**SCHs 15**

### Fourth Year

Fall		TCCN	
HDFS 4403	Child Life: Working With Hospitalized Children and Families		3
HDFS 4533	Communication and the Family		3
SOWK 3453	Children's Rights and Services		3
HDFS 4923	Professional Development in Family Sciences		3
Elective			3

**SCHs 15**

Spring		TCCN	
HDFS 3323	Separation and Loss		3
HDFS 4583	Parenting Issues and Education		3
HDFS 4943	Practicum in Family Sciences		3
Electives			6

**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.