

FOCUS AREA: CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST

Child life specialties area is for students interested in training to eventually become child development experts who work to ensure that life remains as normal as possible for children in health care settings and other challenging environments. The coursework is a combination of required coursework for the Human Development and Learning degree in the College of Education as well as additional courses from a number of disciplines.

Required Courses – HDL Early Childhood Education Credential	Hours
<i>Research Core Required Courses:</i>	
EPSY 363 – Understanding and Applying Research in Human Development (3)	6
EPSY 416 – Systematic Approaches to Program Quality (3)	
<i>Domains of Development and Learning Across the Lifespan Required Courses:</i>	
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<i>Social Emotional Development and Learning</i>	
EPSY/PSCH 420 – Social Development of Urban Children (3)	
PSCH/ED 424 – Social and Emotional Learning: Research, Practice and Policy (3)	
<i>Language Development, Language Acquisition and Learning</i>	
ED 258 – Language Development and Learning in a Diverse Society (3)	
SPED/EPSY 466 – Language Development, Diversity and Disabilities (3)	
<i>Self-Processes and Identity Development</i>	
EPSY 340 – Self and Identity Development Across the Lifespan (3)	
<i>Family Systems:</i>	
SOC 245 – Marriage and Family (3)	
SOC 445 – Sociology of Family (3)	
<i>Loss/Bereavement:</i>	
PHIL 115 – Death (3)	
NUEL 320 – Death and Dying (3)	
<i>Additional Recommended Courses:</i>	
KN 251/KN 252 – Human Physiological Anatomy I & II (5/5)	
KN 253/KN 254 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4/4)	
BHIS 406 – Medical Terminology	
PHIL 103/106 – Ethics/Medical Ethics	
<i>Other course work recommended please see an advisor to discuss</i>	