

CHILD DEVELOPMENT, B.A.

Mission

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in Child Development is to provide working adult students the opportunity to complete a quality college degree via a schedule and format especially designed to meet their unique needs. This curriculum will help support student development toward a personal commitment to improving:

1. the lives of individuals and families in their professional endeavors,
2. the lives of community members, and
3. their personal family life.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Identify and describe normative similarities and differences of intellectual, emotional, social and physical theories at each developmental stage from prenatal through adolescence.
2. Evaluate the effects of family systems on the development of children and adolescents.
3. Identify and discuss scientific research in understanding different philosophical views of growth and development both historic and current.
4. Assess research of theoretical and appropriate practical elements of parenting to facilitate decisions for a healthy environment for children and adolescents.
5. Evaluate the effects of society and culture upon the family microsystems, family types and the subsequent macrosystems with which they co-exist.
6. Identify career paths and professional areas of service within the child and adolescent profession.

Program Prerequisites

Incoming students are required to have completed the following courses with a grade of C or better prior to acceptance into this program:

- College Composition - 3 units (ENG 1010 or ENG 1015 or ENG 1016 at PLNU)
- Nutrition - transferrable level (NUT 1000 at PLNU)

First semester students must pass CDV 3023 and WRT 3001 as the first courses - with a grade of a C or better in order to take any other CDV course or move forward in the program¹.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses		
BST 3004 (B,C,J,L)	Biblical Perspectives (GE)	4
CDV 3003	Early Childhood Curriculum and Learning Theory	3
CDV 3023	Development of Children and Adolescents	3
CDV 3033	Adolescent Development in the Family Context	3
CDV 3043	Child and Adolescent Nutrition and Health	3
CDV 3053	Development of Children with Exceptionalities	3
CDV 3063	Parent Education and Family Development	3
CDV 4013	Development of Infants and Toddlers	3
CDV 4063	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	3
CDV 4073	Internship in Child Development	1-4

CDV 4083	Child Development, Family Systems, and Social Change	3
CDV 4091	Developmental Curriculum, Experiences, and Practices for Young Children	3
CDV 4093	Capstone Professional Development	2
WRT 3001	Writing for Child Development Professionals ²	1
Total Units		38-41

¹ Students may take CDV 3043 and CDV 3063 before meeting this requirement.

² WRT 3001 can be waived if a student takes WRT 1000 at PLNU. External courses are not eligible to waive WRT 3001.

Note(s): Students must earn a C or better in courses needed for permits or license. If the minimum grade is not met, courses may be repeated prior to the last semester or as a non-degree seeking student after the last semester. Military-benefit students should inquire with Military Services for further information.