

A.S. IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The curriculum leads to an Associate in Science degree and meets the educational requirements for employment as a teacher or assistant teacher in preschools and children's centers.

Learning Outcomes

A.S. Degree Level Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Child Development A.S. Degree will:

1. Demonstrate the ability to identify, analyze, and apply theories of early childhood education and child development.
2. Demonstrate global consciousness as they work with diverse cultures, families, and individuals and teach children.
3. Acquire knowledge and foundational skills necessary to work in the teaching profession.
4. Apply effective guidance and teaching strategies that support social growth, learning, and identity development and promote self-confidence.
5. Design, implement and evaluate environments and activities that support positive, developmental play and learning outcomes for children.
6. Apply ethical standards and professional behaviors that demonstrate understanding, knowledge, and a deepening commitment to the child development profession and early childhood education.

Requirements

This degree requires meeting the Citrus College General Education and proficiency requirements combined with successful completion (grades of "C" and above) of the following major requirements:

Code	Title	Units
Three (3) units of Child Development		
CHLD 110 or PSY 206	Early Childhood Development Child Growth and Development	3
Required courses:		
CHLD 112	Principles of Early Childhood Education I	3
CHLD 114	Home-Child-Community Relations	3
CHLD 116	Introduction to Curriculum	3
CHLD 144	Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children	3
CHLD 150	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CHLD 154	Observing and Recording Behavior	3
Required practicum (fieldwork) course & lab:		
CHLD 156	Practicum in Early Childhood Education	2
CHLD 156L	Practicum Lab	1
Total Units		24

Curriculum Map

2-Year Curriculum Map Example

This map represents one possible pathway through the program and is only for reference.

*It is highly recommended that you make an appointment (<https://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvcounsel/Pages/ApptSchedule.aspx>) to create a customized education plan that fits your needs.

Note: Co-requisite MATH course (2 units) and/or substitute ENGL 101E (5 units) may be needed based on placement.

Course	Title	Units
Fall Term 1		
CHLD 112	Principles of Early Childhood Education I	3
CHLD 120	Literacy for Children	3
CHLD 110 or PSY 206	Early Childhood Development or Child Growth and Development	3
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H	Reading and Composition or Reading and Composition - Honors	4
Units		13
Winter Term 1		
MATH 165 or MATH 165H	Introductory Statistics or Introductory Statistics - Honors	4
Units		4
Spring Term 1		
CHLD 114	Home-Child-Community Relations	3
CHLD 116	Introduction to Curriculum	3
ARCH 250 or ARCH 251 or ART 100 or ART 105 or ART 108 or ART 110 or ART 199 or ART 199H or DANC 102 or MUSE 113 or THEA 101 or THEA 101H	History of Architecture: Prehistory to Mannerism or History of Architecture: Baroque to the Present Day or Art History - Fundamentals of Global Art History or Art History - Topics in Contemporary Art or History of Photography or Introduction to the Visual Arts or Motion Picture Appreciation or Motion Picture Appreciation - Honors or History of Dance or History of Rock and Roll or Introduction to Theatre Arts or Introduction to Theatre Arts - Honors	3
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103H or ENGL 104 or ENGL 104H or PHIL 110 or SPCH 100 or SPCH 100H or SPCH 101 or SPCH 101H	Composition and Critical Thinking or Composition and Critical Thinking - Honors or Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking or Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking - Honors or Philosophy/Logic or Interpersonal Communication or Interpersonal Communication - Honors or Public Address or Public Address - Honors	3
Units		12
Summer Term 1		
HIST 107 or HIST 107H or HIST 108 or HIST 108H or HIST 111 or HIST 112 or HIST 160	History of the United States before 1877 or History of the United States before 1877 - Honors or History of the United States since 1877 or History of the United States since 1877 - Honors or History of the African-Americans to 1876 or History of the African-Americans since 1876 or History of Women in the United States	3
Units		3
Fall Term 2		
CHLD 150	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CHLD 154	Observing and Recording Behavior	3
ANTH 212 & 212L	Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Introduction to Physical Anthropology Lab	4

Course	Title	Units
ENGL 293 or ENGL 293H	Children's Literature or Children's Literature - Honors	3
Units		13
Winter Term 2		
CHLD 164	The Child with Special Needs	3
Units		3
Spring Term 2		
CHLD 156	Practicum in Early Childhood Education	2
CHLD 156L	Practicum Lab	1
CHLD 144	Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children	3
CHLD 121	Art for Children	3
KIN 118 or KIN 166 or KIN 170 or KIN 171 or KIN 171H or KIN 173	Meditation and Mindfulness or American Food And Culture: Global Origins, History, and Current Impacts or Fitness for Life or Health and Wellness in Society or Health and Wellness - Honors or Introduction to Nutrition	3
Units		12
Total Units		60

Note: Course selections may affect total unit value.

Career Information

Career Opportunities

There are a variety of careers you can do with this major.

To explore more about this major, schedule an appointment (<https://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrv/ctcenter/Pages/ApptSchedule.aspx>) with a career counselor.
