

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This specialty area is for students interested in studying young children and understanding the conditions that promote their healthy development. It includes courses in behavior analysis, child development, curriculum development, parenting, and others that address issues relating to young children. The program culminates in practica that provide students with direct experiences in infant, toddler, or preschool classrooms for children with and without developmental disabilities. Students completing this program will gain knowledge and experience in the areas of behavior analysis, child development, developmental disability, education, and intervention. Careers: This area is relevant for students interested in working with young children in home, educational, community-based, hospital, or other therapeutic settings.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND INTERVENTION

This option is for students interested in understanding typical and atypical child development and learning to promote healthy development in young children (ages 0-6 yrs). Students who choose this option are required to participate in practica in classrooms that serve infants, toddlers, and preschool children.

Introductory Course (3 hours)

- ABSC 100 Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science (3) **or**
 ABSC 101 Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science, Honors (3)

Core Courses (10 hours)

- ABSC 304 Principles and Procedures of Behavior Modification and Therapy (3)
 ABSC 308 Research Methods and Applications (4)
 ABSC 509 Contemporary Behavioral Science (3)

Required Specialty Area Courses (6 hours)

- ABSC 160 Introduction to Child Behavior and Development (3)
 ABSC 444 Curriculum Development for Young Children (3)

*Students may substitute PYSC 333: Child Psychology for ABSC 160. The credit hours for PYSC 333, however, do not count toward the 33 required ABSC major hours or toward the 15 required junior-senior ABSC hours.

Specialty Area Electives (8 hours). Any junior-senior level courses approved by your advisor. The following are recommended:

- ABSC 350 The Behavior Treatment of Children with Autism (3)
 ABSC 430 Cognitive Development (3)
 ABSC 405 Children and the Media
 ABSC 455 Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood (3)
 ABSC 486 Issues in Parenting (3)
 ABSC 535 Developmental Psychopathology (3)
 ABSC 565 Applied Developmental Psychology (3)

Practicum (6-10 hours). Two semesters are required. The courses are offered for 5 credit hours during the Fall and Spring semesters, and 3 hours during the Summer session. No more than 6 hours of practicum apply to the major. Students choose two from the following list:

- ABSC 675 Practicum in Infant-Toddler Care and Early Intervention I
 ABSC 676 Practicum in Infant-Toddler Care and Early Intervention II
 ABSC 677 Practicum in Preschool Education and Intervention I
 ABSC 678 Practicum in Preschool Education and Intervention II

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