

The study of child development encompasses the human life span from conception through adolescence. An academic background in child development (birth through adolescence) provides a foundation for your professional role in human service and education careers, which demands insightful communication, knowledgeable supervision and realistic problem solving.

Working with children, families and allied professionals in instructional, supervisory and support capacities merits life-long learning. Completing this degree is an important step in your career achievements.

**Becoming Career Ready...**

/ Qualified faculty interact one-on-one with students in online classes.

/ Associate of Arts in Child Care & Guidance majors work in daycare, corporate, government and social service settings. Examples of job titles are daycare worker/owner, child life specialist, adoption counselor and early childhood interventionist.

/ Majors learn to apply child development knowledge to create healthy, supportive learning and care environments.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. Students acquire first-hand knowledge of child development *in action* through experiential learning with children and families in a variety of University and community settings.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies career events, networking opportunities and more.

/ Over 90% of Child Development graduates obtain employment or enroll in further study.

**Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Child Advocacy Specialist
- Child Care Assistant or Lead Teacher
- Child Care Program Director
- Child Development Consultant
- Children's Department Service Worker
- Community Service Specialist
- Developmental Assistant
- Early Interventionist
- Family Child Care Provider
- Head Start Educator, Administrator, Field Supervisor, or Specialist
- Maternal Health Program, Child Care Coordinator/Trainer
- Out-of-School/School-Age Child Care Educator
- Parent Education Specialist
- Pregnancy Prevention Program Coordinator/Trainer
- Resource and Referral Professional
- Women's Safe House/Shelter, Children's Program Specialist

**About Our Online Programs**

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transfercredit](http://semo.edu/transfercredit)

**Associate of Arts (AA)**

This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation and summer enrollment. The student will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST****CHILD CARE & GUIDANCE**

<b>Minimum Degree Requirements</b>	<b>73 Hours</b>
<b>Required Course Requirements</b>	<b>39 Hours</b>
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	<b>34 Hours</b>

**Required Courses:**

- \_\_CF102 Relationships in the 21st Century (3)
- \_\_CF120 The Child (3)
- \_\_CF124 Children's Health, Safety, and Nutrition (3)
- \_\_CF200 Constructive Guidance and Discipline (3)
- \_\_CF209 Introduction to Family Theories (3)
- \_\_CF215 Observation: Perception and Process (3)
- \_\_CF233 Creative Thought/Expression in Children (3)
- \_\_CF250 Family Child Care: Feasibility and Management (3)
- \_\_CF280 Learning Theory and Application: Preschool (3)
- \_\_CF285 Learning Theory and Application: Infant-Toddler (3)
- \_\_CF310 School Age Child Care (3)
- \_\_CF360 Family Life Education (3)
- \_\_EX390 Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child (3)

**Additional Requirements:**

- \_\_BS103 Human Biology (3)
- \_\_EN100 English Composition (3)
- \_\_EN140 Rhetoric and Critical Thinking (3)
- \_\_FE200 Family Financial Management (3)
- \_\_LI243 Children's Literature (3)
- \_\_MA128 Numbers & Operations for Educators (4)
- \_\_PH218 Physical Science: A Process Approach (3)
- \_\_PS103 U.S. Political Systems (3)
- \_\_SW121 Helping Skills for Human Services (3)
- \_\_UI100 First Year Seminar (3)
- \_\_US105 American History I (3)
- OR
- \_\_US107 American History II (3)

**SAMPLE TWO-YEAR PLAN**

◆	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	CF102	3
	EN100	3	CF200	3
	CF120	3	CF124	3
	MA128	4	EN140	3
	PS103	3	PH218	3
	US105 or US107	3	SW121	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	CF209	3	BS103	3
	CF215	3	CF285	3
	CF233	3	CF310	3
	CF250	3	EX390	3
	CF280	3	FE200	3
	CF360	3	LI243	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements (i.e., minimum GPA and course work) for your program of study.

**Personalized Pathways:**

At Southeast, we offer online courses in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a wintersession between fall and spring and at least six different 4, 6, and 8 week sessions over summer. Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

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