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.

Child development students will...

- Interact one-on-one with highly qualified faculty in face-to-face and online classes.
- Acquire first-hand knowledge of child development in action through experiential learning with children and families in a variety of University and community settings.
- Apply child development knowledge to create healthy, supportive learning and care environments.
- Be prepared to collaborate with allied professionals in government, corporate, education, and social service settings.

This program is eligible for the Southeast A+ Scholarship.

Career Planning

More than 90% of child development graduates obtain employment or enroll in graduate 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

Special Options

- This program of study is also available at the regional campuses – Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston.
- Special program fees may apply for this program of study – http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm

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Career Services, located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.
For a Advising Center for Academic Advising (573) 651-2007 cacadvising@semo.edu semo.edu/coadvise/index.htm

To explore the College of Health and Human Services online, visit semo.edu/hhs

This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 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 DegreeWorks to monitor individual progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

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**Additional Requirements:**
- 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 Systems (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)
- CF300 Parent Education (3)
- CF310 School Age Child Care (3)
- EX390 Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child (3)

**Required Course 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)
- MA118 Mathematics I(3)
- 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

**Child Care and Guidance (AA)**

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