

# EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY STUDIES

Young children need special care and attention as they develop from infancy. They need guidance, teaching, and positive examples to become healthy teens and eventually adults. If you have a special spot in your heart for children, then consider an Early Childhood and Family Studies degree. You'll learn how to care for their health, education, and welfare. You'll learn responsibility for their social, physical, and intellectual development. Day cares are a common employer, where routine activities such as managing the eating, sleeping, health care, and recreational needs of children are the main day-to-day tasks. Preschool teachers provide additional learning experiences. A director supervises programs, including supplies and equipment, balancing the budget, and working with parents. With an Early Childhood and Family Studies degree from Wayne State, you'll be prepared for a variety of these situations and be ready for many different careers in caring for young children.

## fast facts

**Credit hours:** 57

*Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.*

**Degree options:** B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** Educational Foundations and Leadership

**School:** Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Popular pairings:** Coaching, Family and Consumer Sciences, Foods and Nutrition

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Food preparation and baking
- Meal management and nutrition
- Health and safety of young children
- Parenting and family relationships
- Professional presentation techniques
- Consumer economics
- Early childhood growth and development
- Preschool curriculum development and practice
- Children's literature
- Critical thinking and problem-solving

### Possible Careers

- Preschool teacher
- Child care director
- Family service worker
- Paraprofessional
- Education administrator
- Day care provider
- Guidance counselor
- After-school program manager
- Camp director
- Youth worker
- Child development specialist

### Types of Employers

- Preschools
- Day cares
- Early learning academies
- Elementary schools
- Social services
- Child development services
- Government agencies
- Community centers
- Youth program facilities
- Counseling centers
- Student support centers
- Head Start programs

## outside the classroom



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### Activities / Opportunities

- Peer tutoring and mentoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

### Clubs / Organizations

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)
- Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

## Program courses

FCS 315 Consumer Economics is recommended. Take FCS 207 Nutrition for CAT 9.

### Early Childhood and Family Studies Courses

EDU 216 Children’s Literature.....	3
EDU 230 Integrating Creative Arts for Children.....	3
EDU 303 Developmentally Appropriate Practices for the Young Child.....	3
FCS 108 Introduction to Family and Consumer Sciences.....	1
FCS 120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	2
FCS 205 Meal Management.....	3
FCS 220 Infants and Toddlers.....	3
FCS 306 Family Resource Management.....	3
FCS 310 Parenting.....	3
FCS 313 Techniques in Professional Presentation.....	3
FCS 317 Nutrition Through the Life Cycle.....	3
FCS 325 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for the Young Child.....	3
FCS 335 The Pre-School Age Child.....	3
FCS 410 Professional Development in Family and Consumer Sciences.....	2
FCS 412 Guiding the Young Child.....	3
FCS 416 Family and Consumer Sciences Practicum.....	3
FCS 430 Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Education Programs.....	3
SPD 260 Characteristics: Birth through Age 8.....	1
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	3
Select one of the following.....	3
FCS 104 Principles of Food Preparation (3)	
FCS 107 Principles of Baking (3)	
Select one of the following.....	3
FCS 110 Family and Personal Relationships (3)	
FCS 115 Human Development and the Family (3)	

## Student learning outcomes

1. Plan culturally and developmentally appropriate instruction for young children
2. Establish safe and healthy learning environments for all young children
3. Identify practices that promote safe and healthy environments for young children
4. Demonstrate administrative techniques of early childhood education programs

## early childhood faculty



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