



SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY **CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts Degree In Child Development

The program combines intensive study, dedicated faculty and high standards of curriculum in preparing students to work with young children and promote quality programs for children and their families.

What are the CDV degree options?

- Associate of Arts Degree with a major in Child Development. 2 years
- Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Child Development. 4 year
- Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Child Development with Montessori Concentration:
 Infant and Toddler (0-3)
 or Early Childhood (3-6). 4 years
- Teacher certification with an early childhood endorsement 4 1/2 years

What CDV course work is included?

- **Child Development:**
An overview of the development of the child from conception to age 8.
- **Infant/Toddler Curriculum:**
Focused attention on the behaviors and growth patterns of children from birth to 3 years.
- **Program for Young Children:**
Examination of developmentally appropriate curriculum and models of early childhood education.
- **Assessment in Early Childhood Education:**
Overview of formal and informal assessment techniques appropriate for young children.
- **Administration of Child Care Centers:**
Prepares students to organize and operate a program serving young children which meets licensing requirements and quality standards.
- **Early Literacy: Birth to 5 Years:**
Examination of current theory related to acquisition of early literacy skills and strategies to support literacy development of young children.

MISSION

The mission of the Child Development program, since its inception in 1974, is to mentor and assist students to become competent, purposeful, ethical teachers and early childhood professionals.

The purpose of the Child Development program is to establish quality programs for children and their families, to train competent childcare workers and to prepare ethical professional teachers.



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CAREER OPTIONS

As students gain education, skills and experience, the field of Child Development/Early Education offers a range of opportunities:

Direct service to children and families - interact daily or frequently with children

- Child care program director
- Lead/assistant caregiver
- Teacher - Preschool, Infant/Toddler, Elementary (certification with early childhood endorsement)
- Montessori teacher
- Bilingual assistant
- Early interventionist - birth to 3 years
- Home visitor
- Resource/referral agency counselor

Indirect service to children and families

- Early childhood advocate
- Licensing specialist
- Consultant
- Researcher
- Public relations
- Author
- ECE software developer/programmer
- Customer representative
- Government analyst



MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What is unique about the Child Development Program at Siena Heights University?

- 100% employment placement for Child Development graduates.
- Accept transfer credit from accredited Montessori training institutes.
- Meet requirements for the Michigan State Board of Education Early Childhood Education endorsement (ZA).
- Modify program curriculum based on student feedback and assessment of program learning outcomes.
- Maintain close collaboration with Teacher Education, Special Education and related disciplines.
- Opportunities for application of theory and active research through senior projects.
- Qualified, dedicated faculty who are actively involved in professional organizations.



BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

A. Child Development

Core Requirements 38 semester hours

1. CDV 115 Child Growth and Development 3
2. CDV 165 Infant/Toddler Curriculum 3
3. CDV 245 Assessment in Early Childhood Education 3
4. CDV 280 Cooperative Work Experience 4
5. CDV 295 Seminar in Child Development 1
6. CDV 355 Programs for Young Children 3
7. CDV 375 Administration of Child Care Centers 3
8. CDV 495 Research in Child Development 3
9. EDU 211 Health and Movement Education 3
10. EDU 312 Exceptional Children
and Youth in the Regular Classroom 3
11. EDU 322 Methods and Materials of Early
Childhood Education 3
12. #PSY 241 Child and Adolescent Psychology 3
13. #TSC 343 Teaching Creative Dramatics 3

B. Choose Option 1

or Option 2 4 - 7 semester hours

1. Option I: Compatible to the related fields in psychology, social work, private and public child care centers, clinics, recreation, and the human services. Required for students not seeking elementary teacher certification:
 - a. CDV 480 Cooperative Work Experience 4
 - b. Choose one of the following:
 - i. ART 352 Art in the Elementary School 3
 - ii. MSC 214 Music Activities for Children 2
 - iii. TSC 212 Oral Interpretation of
Children's Literature 3
 - iv. CDV 345 Early Literacy: Birth to 5 Years 3
2. Option II: Designed for students interested in preschool education and teaching early education grades. In addition to the ZA major or minor, all students pursuing the Early Childhood-Child Development endorsement must complete a major and/or minor in two content areas for certification. Required for students seeking elementary teaching certification:
 - a. MAT 150 Math for Elementary Teachers I 2
 - b. MAT 151 Math for Elementary Teachers II 2

C. Total for Major 42-45 semester hours

D. Liberal Arts 33-35 semester hours

E. General Electives 40-45 semester hours

F. Total for Degree 120 semester hours



ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE MAJOR

A. Child Development

Requirements 30 semester hours

1. CDV 115 Child Growth and Development 3
2. CDV 165 Infant/Toddler Curriculum 3
3. CDV 245 Assessment in Early Childhood Education 3
4. CDV 280 CO-OP: Pre-Primary Teacher Assistant 4
5. CDV 295 Seminar in Child Development 1
6. CDV 355 Programs for Young Children 3
7. CDV 375 Administration of Child Care Centers 3
8. CDV 480 CO-OP: Pre-Primary Teacher Assistant 4
9. ____ Approved Elective 3
TSC 343 Teaching Creative Dramatics
(strongly recommended)
10. EDU 322 Methods and Materials
of Early Childhood Education 3

B. Total for Major 30 semester hours

C. Liberal Arts 17-19 semester hours

D. General Electives 11-13 semester hours

E. Total for Degree 60 semester hours

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Concentration in Montessori Education Infant and Toddler
0-3 Years or Early Childhood 3-6 Years

A. Montessori

Requirements 21 semester hours

1. Montessori Training Institute (transfer credit) 9
2. Montessori Year-Long Internship (transfer credit) 12

B. Child Development Requirements

(Associate Degree) 30 semester hours

1. CDV 115 Child Growth and Development 3
2. CDV 165 Infant/Toddler Curriculum 3
3. CDV 245 Assessment in Early Childhood Education 3
4. CDV 280 Cooperative Work Experience 4
5. CDV 295 Seminar in Child Development 1
6. CDV 355 Programs for Young Children 3
7. CDV 375 Administration of Child Care Centers 3
8. CDV 480 Cooperative Work Experience 4
9. EDU 322 Methods and Materials of Early
Childhood Education 3
10. ____ Approved Elective 3
(TSC 343 strongly recommended)

C. Cognate Requirements 9 semester hours

1. CDV 495 Research in Child Development 3
2. EDU 312 Exceptional Children and Youth in the
Classroom—Early Childhood 3
3. PSY 241 Child and Adolescent Psychology 3

D. Total for Major 60 semester hours

E. Liberal Arts 38-41 semester hours

F. General Electives 19-22 semester hours

G. Total for Degree 120 semester hours