

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

College of Rural and Community Development
Department of Social and Human Development
www.uaf.edu/rural/

BA Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

This program provides the necessary preparation for early childhood educators who wish to advance their professional knowledge and career opportunities with specialized study in administration, curriculum and teaching, family support, or infants and toddlers.

The child development and family studies program meets professional preparation standards developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. These six core standards and field experience expectations guide the CDFS BA program content and outline a set of common expectations for professional knowledge, skills and dispositions within the field of early care and education in conjunction with family studies.

The program supports students who desire a strong foundation in the field of early childhood by integrating the early childhood education AAS content requirements with that of the child development and family studies BA. Students are required to complete the program major and one of the specialized concentration areas: administration within the early childhood field, curriculum and teaching, family support, or infant and toddler. Students entering the child development and family studies BA program with an AA or AAS degree in early childhood education from a regionally accredited college or university will receive 23 transfer credits toward the program major. Any additional courses will need to be evaluated on an individual basis.

Flexible course delivery fosters successful completion for early childhood professionals living in both rural and urban areas of Alaska. All program and concentration area courses must be completed with a C grade or better, with the exclusion of all clinical practice course work which must be completed with a B grade or better. Completion of the CDFS BA will meet requirements for both a major and minor.

Major — BA Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements.* (See page 129. As part of the core curriculum requirements, the following courses are recommended: ENGL F213X*, MATH F103X*, MATH F107X*, or MATH F161X*; BIOL F104X*, GEOG F111X* or GEOS F120X*.)
2. Complete the BA degree requirements. (See page 133. As part of the BA social science degree requirements, complete PSY F101.)*
 - a. Complete three of the following recommended humanities/social science courses as part of your BA degree requirements:*
 - ANS F242—Native Cultures of Alaska3
 - ANS F320W—Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska3
 - ANS F330—Yup'ik Parenting and Child Development3
 - ANS F461—Native Ways of Knowing3
 - ANTH F407—Kinship and Social Organizations3
 - LING F303W,O—Language Acquisition3
 - b. Complete one of the following recommended mathematics courses as part of your BA core requirements:*
 - CS F101—Computers and Society3
 - CS F102—Introduction to Computer Science3
 - MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics3
 - MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus4
 - MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics3

- c. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
 - ECE F101—Overview of the Profession3
 - ECE F104—Child Development I: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers3
 - ECE F107—Child Development II: The Preschool and Primary Years3
 - ECE F110—Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments3
 - ECE F140—Positive Social and Emotional Development3
 - ECE F210—Child Guidance3
 - ECE F229—Foundations in Nutrition and Physical Wellness.....3
 - ECE F235—Screening, Assessment and Recording (2) or ECE F130—Culture, Learning, and the Young Child (2)2
 - ECE F305—Social and Emotional Development: Reflection and Practice3
 - ECE F342O—Family Relationships3
 - ECE F350—Play: Foundation for Development.....3
 - ECE F445W—Adolescence through the Lifespan3
 - ECE F480—Child Development and Family Studies Portfolio1

3. Complete one of the following concentrations:*

Administration Within the Early Childhood Field***

Complete the following:*

- ECE F340—Financial Management3
- ECE F341W—Personnel Management3
- ECE F471—Clinical Practice: Organizational Action Research3
- CIOF F150—Computer Business Applications.....3
- ENGL F212—Business, Grant and Report Writing.....3
- BA S301—Principles of Management (UAS)3
- BA S343—Principles of Marketing (UAS)3
- BA S490—Political and Social Environment of Business (UAS).....3

Note: ECON F201 or ECON F202 is a prerequisite for BA S490.

Note: This specialization is offered in collaboration with the University of Alaska Southeast. For course descriptions of UAS courses see current University of Alaska Southeast catalog. These courses are available by distance delivery.

Curriculum and Teaching***

Complete the following:*

- ECE F240—Inclusion of Children with Special Needs.....3
- ECE F310—Constructivist Curriculum.....3
- ECE F360—Assessment in Early Childhood.....3
- ECE F420W—Developing Literacy in the Early Years3
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- ECE F440—Exploring Math and Science in the Early Years3
- ECE F472—Clinical Practice: Classroom Research**3
- ECE F473—Clinical Practice: Classroom Management** (3) or ECE F270—Practicum II as approved by CDFS program**(3)3

Family Support****

Complete the following:*

- ECE F242—Child and Family Ecology3
- ECE F301—Parents as Partners in Education (3) or ECE F302—Building Home Program Relationships: Prenatal to 3 Years (3)3
- ECE F306W—Building Bridges to Support Family Mental Health3
- ECE F405—Seminar in Culture and Child Rearing Practices3
- ECE F410—Supporting Family Relationships through Mentoring3
- ECE F442—Family Resource Management.....3
- ECE F471—Clinical Practice: Organizational Action Research3
- SWK F360—Child Abuse and Neglect.....3

Infant and Toddler***

Complete the following:*

ECE F214—Curriculum III: Infant and Toddlers	3
ECE F302—Building Home Program Relationships.....	3
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ECE F320—Environment and Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers	3
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4. Minimum credits required

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