



COLLEGE OF  
Human Sciences

# EARLY CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT ONLINE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM



This 100% online 120-hour degree program prepares students to work in early childhood settings with young children, especially those whose family members are highly mobile. Early Child Care and Development specialists create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging for each child. Specialists design, implement, and evaluate experiences that promote positive development for young children. Graduates are qualified to work in a variety of programs that offer early care and education in the community and on military installations. **Early Child Care and Development is a 100% online undergraduate program** delivered collaboratively by seven universities through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (Great Plains IDEA). Admission to the program is a two-step process: 1) admission to Oklahoma State University, and 2) admission to the program.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Curriculum developed by early child care experts at seven universities.
- Three practicum experiences provide hands-on opportunities and exposure to real-life scenarios.
- Focus on ethics and guidelines related to early childhood practice.
- Classroom management and program administration experience.
- This degree program does not lead to teaching licensure.

## CAREER FIELDS & FOCUS AREAS

### PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS

- Infant and toddler programs
- Preschool programs
- Childcare centers and homes

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Military child development/care centers
- Before and after-school programs
- Head Start programs



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Students participate in three practicums. Students planning to transfer into this program should focus on meeting the General Education requirements listed below and, in addition, expect to transfer no more than three program-specific courses as identified below.

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY FOR ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

English Composition I and II (6 hours)  
American Government (3 hours)  
American History (3 hours)  
Math Course designated "A" (3 hours)  
Humanities Courses designated "H" (6 hours)  
Natural Sciences designated "N" (6 hours) including one Laboratory Science course designated "L"  
Social and Behavioral Sciences designated "S" (3 hours):  
Additional General Education Courses (10 hours of "A," "H," "N", or "S" designated courses)

### COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Human Sciences First-Year Seminar for Transfer Students (2 hours)  
Lifespan Human Development (3 hours) designated as "S" general education course (may transfer in)

### PRE-PRACTICUM I COURSES

Child Development Birth to 3 (may transfer in)  
Child Development 4-8  
Professional Development for Early Childhood

**PRACTICUM I** (may be waived with qualifying work experience; a faculty committee decides)  
Practicum I in Early Childhood

### PRE-PRACTICUM II COURSES

Curriculum Development for Birth to 3  
Curriculum Development for ages 4 to 8  
Assessing Young Children and Environments  
Developmental Differences  
Child Guidance and Classroom Environments

**PRACTICUM II**  
Practicum II in Early Childhood

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood  
Health, Safety and Nutrition (may transfer in)  
Technology and Young Children  
Diversity of Young Children and Families  
Working with Families

**PRACTICUM III** (may be spread over fall and spring semesters to meet student's needs)  
Practicum III in Early Childhood

## INFORMATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE EARLY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

- Students must have completed 30 credit hours that can be used toward graduation requirements and a minimum 2.5 overall GPA (These hours must include a "Lifespan Human Development" Course.)
- Transfer students may transfer six credit hours of core courses (approved courses are child development course; health, safety and nutrition course) not including professional development courses.
- 2.5 overall GPA or higher must be maintained throughout the entirety of the program.
- No course can be taken more than twice due to failure or incomplete status.
- Waiver of Practicum 1 for students with qualifying experience depends upon specific past work experiences and must be approved by a committee of program faculty.

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