

EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT - ASSOCIATE IN ARTS



CHLD

Child development and early childhood education majors are trained to work with families, parents, young children and those who impact the development and well being of children. Child development associates may be employed in a variety of educational and social settings including child care facilities, Head Start programs, preschools, public schools, group homes and residential care facilities. Child development associates are nationally recognized and have an ample number of bachelor's degree programs within close proximity to further their education beyond the associate degree. Three field placements provide students with critical opportunities for competency-based professional development.

The Early Childhood Education and Child Development concentration is fully accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (<https://www.naeyc.org/>).

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college for early childhood education are required to meet with a Human Services faculty adviser during their first semester to map out their program of study. Students who have completed their CDA - Child Development Associate are required to meet with a Human Services faculty adviser to apply for prior learning assessment credits toward their degree.

Note: Students enrolled in the Human Services program must earn a grade of C or better in all Human Services courses. Many courses require prerequisites, corequisites and/or testing. See course descriptions for details (<https://catalog.ccri.edu/course-descriptions/>).

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 1010	Composition I (or ENGL 1010A) ¹	3
Choose one of the following:		3
Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#fineartsgened/) ¹		
World Language Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#langened/)		
Literature Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/)	Children's Literature (recommended) ¹	3
Choose one of the following: ²		3-4

MATH 1143	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I	
MATH 1139	Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students (or MATH 1139C)	
PSYC 2010	General Psychology ¹	4
PSYC 2030	Developmental Psychology ¹	3
PSYC 2070	Educational Psychology ³	3
Science Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#scigened/) ⁴		3-4
SOCS 1010	General Sociology	3
or SOCS 2040	Race and Ethnic Relations	
Select two Social Science Elective and/or Foreign Language Electives ⁵		6
Subtotal		34-36
Major Requirements		
HMNS 1010	Introduction to Helping and Human Services ¹	3
HMNS 2100	Child Growth and Development Skills ¹	3
HMNS 1210	Field Experience and Seminar I-Child Development ¹	3
HMNS 2120	Curriculum for Young Children	3
HMNS 2310	Field Experience Seminar II-Child Development ¹	3
HMNS 2070	Characteristics and Needs of Special Populations ¹	3
HMNS 2150	Parent and Child Relations	3
HMNS 2410	Field Experience Seminar III-Child Development ¹	3
HMNS 2900	Human Services Capstone ¹	3
Select one Human Service Elective ⁶		3
Subtotal		30
Total Hours		64-66

¹ Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.

² Selection of math and science courses for transfer should be done in consultation with a Human Services faculty adviser during the first semester of study. Students transferring to RIC should check with an advisor.

³ Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived. A higher-level educational psychology course may be required by some teacher preparation bachelor's degree programs; therefore, students transferring to Rhode Island College are advised to meet with an adviser at RIC.

⁴ Selection of math and science courses for transfer should be done in consultation with a Human Services faculty adviser during the first semester of study.

A lab science is recommended for transfer.

⁵ Choose from Category 1.

⁶ Choose from Category 2.

Consult with a faculty adviser before registering for this course. A minimum of 60 credits must be completed to graduate. Introduction to Teaching and Learning (HMNS 1101) is necessary for successful transfer to RI College education programs.

Category 1

Select two of the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 2030	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 2040	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
FREN 1010	Elementary French I	3

FREN 1020	Elementary French II	3
FREN 1030	Elementary French I	3
FREN 2010	Intermediate French I	3
FREN 2020	Intermediate French II	3
HIST 1010	Survey of Western Civilization I	3
HIST 1020	Survey of Western Civilization II	3
HIST 1210	History of the United States to 1877	3
HIST 1220	History of the United States from 1877	3
ITAL 1010	Elementary Italian I	3
ITAL 1020	Elementary Italian II	3
ITAL 1030	Elementary Italian I	3
ITAL 1040	Elementary Italian II	3
ITAL 2010	Intermediate Italian I	3
ITAL 2020	Intermediate Italian II	3
POLS 1010	American Government and Politics	3
POLS 2010	International Relations	3
PORT 1010	Elementary Portuguese I	3
PORT 1020	Elementary Portuguese II	3
PORT 2010	Intermediate Portuguese I	3
PORT 2020	Intermediate Portuguese II	3
PSYC 1030	Psychology of Personal Adjustment	3
PSYC 2020	Social Psychology	3
SOCS 1010	General Sociology	3
SOCS 2020	Marriage and Family	3
SPAN 1010	Elementary Spanish I	3
SPAN 1020	Elementary Spanish II	3
SPAN 1030	Elementary Spanish I	3
SPAN 1040	Elementary Spanish II	3

Category 2

Select one from the following list to fulfill Human Services elective(s) requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 2200	Children's Literature	3
HMNS 1080	Health, Nutrition and the Young Child	3
HMNS 2030	Emergent Literacy: Reading Readiness in ECE	3
HMNS 2060	Foundations of Teaching and Learning	3
HMNS 2140	Guiding Children's Behavior	3
HMNS 2170	Learning Disabilities	3
HMNS 2190	Infant/Toddler Care: Methods and Materials	3
THEA 1150	Theatre for Children	3

Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
HMNS 1010	Introduction to Helping and Human Services	3
HMNS 2100	Child Growth and Development Skills	3
PSYC 2010	General Psychology	4
ENGL 1010	Composition I (or ENGL 1010A)	3
Choose one of the following:		3-4
MATH 1143	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I	

MATH 1139	Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students (or MATH 1139C)	
Hours		16-17
Semester 2		
HMNS 1210	Field Experience and Seminar I -Child Development	3
HMNS 2120	Curriculum for Young Children	3
PSYC 2030	Developmental Psychology	3
Literature Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/)	Children's Literature (ENGL 2200) Recommended	3
Science Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#scigened/)		3-4
Social Science or Language Elective ¹		3
Hours		18-19

Year 2

Semester 1

HMNS 2070	Characteristics and Needs of Special Populations	3
HMNS 2150	Parent and Child Relations	3
HMNS 2310	Field Experience Seminar II-Child Development	3
SOCS 1010	General Sociology	3
or SOCS 2040	or Race and Ethnic Relations	
Social Science or Language Elective ¹		3
Hours		15

Semester 2

HMNS 2410	Field Experience Seminar III-Child Development	3
HMNS 2900	Human Services Capstone (Capstone)	3
PSYC 2070	Educational Psychology	3
Fine Arts or Language Elective ²		3
Human Services Elective ³		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		64-66

¹ See approved list (<https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/>).

² See approved list: Fine Arts (<https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#fineartsgened>) or Language (<https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#langened>)

³ See list of Human Services electives below.

Human Services Electives

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 2200	Children's Literature	3
HMNS 1080	Health, Nutrition and the Young Child	3
HMNS 2030	Emergent Literacy: Reading Readiness in ECE	3
HMNS 2060	Foundations of Teaching and Learning	3

HMNS 2140	Guiding Children's Behavior	3
HMNS 2170	Learning Disabilities	3
HMNS 2190	Infant/Toddler Care: Methods and Materials	3
THEA 1150	Theatre for Children	3

Transfer

If you are interested in earning a bachelor's degree, please meet with an Academic Advisor (https://www.ccri.edu/advising/transfer_information/) who can help you select the courses that best prepare you for transfer to a four-year college or university. For more information, you can also visit [ritransfers.org](http://www.ritransfers.org/) (<http://www.ritransfers.org/>) with resources on course and program transfer to Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island, or visit CCRI's Transfer Articulation (<https://www.ccri.edu/oes/records/transfers/traagree.html>) page for information on articulation agreements with colleges and universities throughout New England.