

Degree Path: B.A. in Child & Family Studies

Southwestern College of Bible and Church Ministries

Freshman Year

Fall Semester	13 hours
GES 1122	Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113	Composition and Rhetoric I
REL 1133	Authentic Christianity ∞
PSY 1153	Introduction to Psychology ∞
PED 2232	Wellness & Lifestyle ∞

Spring Semester	16 hours
ENG 1123	Composition and Rhetoric II ∞ (pre req: ENG 1113)
COM 1143	Fundamentals of Speech ∞
REL 1173	Intro to Biblical Literature ∞
HIS 1113/1123	(American History option) ∞/◇
COU 2123	Intro to Counseling ∞
PED 1101-2291	(Activity Course option 1) ∞

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester	16 hours
BIB 2213	Bible Study ∞
GOV 2213	National & State Government ∞
BIO 1113	Biological Science ∞
SWK 2423	Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions ◇
PED 1101-2291	(Activity Course option 2)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 1)

Spring Semester	15 hours
THE 2333	Pentecostal Doctrine & History ∞
ENG 2273/2243	(English option) ∞/◇ (ENG 2233, if preferred, is Fall only) (prereq: ENG 1123)
PSY 2323	Developmental Psychology ∞
MTH 1113/MTH 1123	(Math option) ∞
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 2)

Junior Year

Fall Semester	15 hours
THE 2213	Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞
CFM 3143	Issues in Childhood & Family Life ◇
EDP 3423	Classroom Management ◇
ENG 3113	Children's Literature ◇
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 3)

Spring Semester	15 hours
BIB 1223	The Church in Ministry & Mission ∞
CFM 3243	Marriage and Family Relationships ◇
COU 2113	Counseling Families Through the Lifecycle ◇
PSY3453	Social Psychology
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 4)

Senior Year

Fall Semester	15 hours
CFM 4143	Family Life and Parenting ◇
PSY 3443	Crisis Intervention and Management ◇
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 4)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 5)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 6)

Spring Semester	15 hours
CFM 3163	Creative Communications and Curriculum ◇
CFM 4183	Children & Family Practicum ∞
PSY 4483	Human Sexuality
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 7)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 8)

Please Note:

- This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.
- You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for on-going updates.
- Course Offering Codes:
 - ∞ every fall and spring semester
 - * only that semester in odd years
 - *** to be taken *only* in specified semester
 - ◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)
 - ** only that semester in even years
 - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed

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OVERVIEW

The Child and Family Studies major exists to train students for a variety of professional roles focused upon caring for the needs of children and families. This degree is designed for those who will work in settings such as hospitals, hospice agencies, community organizations, camps for children with special needs, children's homes, orphanages, foreign countries, and a wide variety of community and professional organizations which focus on children and families.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Although Nelson students may major in church leadership as a route to vocational children's ministry, many of our Child & Family Studies graduates have become children's pastors. Most graduates have found their places in a range of professional, "marketplace" roles that focus on children and families. Our graduates have pursued a variety of careers:

- Working with children in closed countries
- Social Work
- Play Therapists
- Hospital-based Child Life Specialists
- Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers
- Directors of non-profit organizations
- Agents for foster and adoption agencies

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our program provides valuable training for any student who would like to grow in effectiveness in understanding children and their families. The scope of information, perspective, and vision provided to students in the core CFM courses is broad and varied. Whereas other universities offering such a program focus on ministry to children, students receive educational principles as those majoring in elementary education; understanding of trauma and difficulty as those majoring in counseling; principles for advocacy as those majoring in social work; and strategies for implementing child, family, and intergenerational ministries in church contexts.

Darren Daugherty has grown in educational pursuits, certifications, licensures, and various professional endeavors related to children. Through his ministry experiences, studies, and professional certifications, he ensures that the depth and breadth of the Child and Family Studies program is varied, inspirational, and practical.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 51 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
- GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government
- HIS 1113 American History I
- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- 3 hours from the following:
 - BIO 1113 Biological Sciences OR
 - PHY 1113 Physical Science
- 3 hours from the following:
 - MTH 1113 College Mathematics OR
 - MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- 2 hours from Activity Courses PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 18 hours

- BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1173 Introduction to Biblical Literature
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 45 Hours

- CFM 3143 Issues in Childhood and Family Life
- CFM 3163 Creative Communications and Curriculum
- CFM 3243 Marriage and Family Relationships
- CFM 4133 Leading Children and Family Ministries
- CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting
- CFM 4183 Children and Family Practicum
- COU 2113 Counseling Families Through Life Cycle
- COU 2123 Introduction to Counseling
- EDP 3423 Classroom Management
- ENG 3113 Children's Literature
- PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
- PSY 3443 Crisis Intervention and Management
- PSY 3453 Social Psychology
- PSY 4483 Human Sexuality
- SWK 2423 Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions

MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 24 Hours

Including at least six hours of upper-level courses. May include official minors or purely elective hours. Students are encouraged to use elective credits to complete an Associate's degree or a minor in various fields such as Addictions Counseling, Criminal Justice, Intercultural Studies, or Youth and Student Ministries. The CFS degree includes a minor in Children and Family Ministries. A minor in Marriage and Family Counseling is also obtainable by including COU 3113 and COU 4413 among the chosen General Electives.

24 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours