PATHWAYS | Human Development & Family Studies - Child Life Concentration

Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Studies

COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN
- HDFS 2010: Lifespan and Human Development
- HDFS 3010: Child Development in the Family
- HDFS 2030: Professional Development in Ethics
- HDFS 3030: Adolescent and Adult Development in the Family

SOPHOMORE
- HDFS 4500: Hospitalized Child, HDFS 4950: Advanced Seminar Child Life
- HDFS 4510: Therapeutic Play

JUNIOR
- HDFS 4920: HDFS Internship

SENIOR
- HDFS 4920: HDFS Internship

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE
- Meet regularly with your academic advisor and consult them when you have concerns about admission to particular classes or need more information about class requirements.
- Review www.childlife.org
- Attend mandatory HDFS internship meeting at least 2 semester in advance.
- Complete background check. Visit 203 Spidle Hall.
- Meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.

GAIN EXPERIENCE
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.
- Volunteer with well and sick children. You may complete this experience in a medical setting.
- Attend HDFS Internship and Professional Day
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume (handshake.auburn.edu).
- Complete a practicum experience (100-150 hours). Work with the college to explore/discover opportunities.
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GET INVOLVED
- In the spring apply to be a College of Human Sciences Student Ambassador
- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume
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Career Planning

Auburn University Career Center
303 Mary Martin Hall | auburn.edu/career

The program trains specialists in helping children and their families overcome challenging life events. The program provides education in alternative forms of coping, how to provide emotional support, and how to foster child development. Entrance into the field is highly competitive, so applicants will want to take advantage of as many experiential opportunities as possible.

Child Life Specialist
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $32.4K - $48.0K

Early Intervention Specialist
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $26.0K - $38.0K

School Counselor
Minimum Education: M.S./MA./M.Ed.
Entry Level Salary Range: $31.0K - $52.3K

These are just three options out of many that Child Life Human Development & Family Studies majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.