



Child Development and Services Program Agreement

Western Michigan University
Bachelor of Science, Child Development and Services (B.S.)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Liberal Arts MTA, Associate of Arts (A.A.)

Catalog Year 2024-2025

| I. KVCC COURSES REQUIRED FOR LIBERAL ARTS MTA A.A. (62 credits) | | |
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| Kalamazoo Valley Course | WMU Equivalent | Transferrable Credit Hours |
| *English Composition – choose one: ENG 110 College Writing I <u>or</u> ENG 160 College Writing & Research | ENGL 1050 Foundations in Written Communication | 3 – 4 |
| *English Composition or Communications – choose one: ENG 111, ENG 112, ENG 127, ENG 227, ENG 260, COM 113, or COM 210 | Varies | 3 |
| *Social Sciences: PSY 150 Introductory Psychology | PSY 1000 General Psychology | 3 |
| *Social Sciences – choose one: PSI 100, PSI 101, PSI 102, or PSI 126 | Varies | 3 |
| *Humanities: COM 101 | COM 1040 Public Speaking | 3 |
| *Humanities or Fine Arts: non-COM course | Varies | 3 |
| *Natural Sciences – choose two courses from two different disciplines, including one with a laboratory experience | Varies | 8 |
| *Mathematics: choose one course | Varies | 4 |
| EDU 104 College & Career/FYE | FYE 2100 First Year Experience | 3 |
| *PSY 160 Human Growth and Development <u>or</u> *PSY 190 Child Psychology | ED 2500 Human Development or PSY 1600 Child Psychology (either course will substitute for FCS 2140) | 3 |
| *PSY 170 Human Sexuality | PSY 4240 Intro to Human Sexuality (will substitute for FCS 2100) | 3 |
| WPE 101 Principles of Fitness and Health | HPHE 1110 Healthy Living | 2 |
| Electives | Varies (confirm with KVCC and WMU advisors that courses will transfer for credit to WMU) | 20 – 21 |
| CREDIT HOURS AT KVCC | | 62 |

All courses above must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher to be considered for transfer to WMU. In addition, to satisfy MTA requirements students must successfully complete a minimum of 30 credits with the * delineation, with at least a 2.0 GPA in each course. See KVCC advisor for courses that will satisfy MTA categories: <https://kvcc.smartcatalogiq.com/2024-2025/catalog/programs-of-study-by-pathway/general-transfer-program-information/michigan-transfer-agreement/>.

| II. WMU COURSES REQUIRED FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES B.S. (47 – 48 credits) | | |
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| WMU Course | WMU Course Title | WMU Credit Hours |
| FCS 1010 | Practices and Professions in Family Science | 3 |
| FCS 1030 | Lifespan Development | 3 |
| FCS 2170 | ^{DI} Diverse Children, Families & Communities | 3 |
| FCS 2190 | Principles of Research in Family Science | 3 |
| FCS 3170 | Crisis and Resiliency in Families | 3 |
| FCS 3180 | Intimate Relationships | 3 |
| FCS 4120 | ^{LNP PS} Family Policy | 3 |
| FCS 4150 | Parenting Roles, Relations and Partnerships | 3 |
| FCS 3140 | Infant and Toddler Development | 3 |
| FCS 5350 | Communication Skills for Working with Families | 3 |
| FCS 4295 | Internship (300 clock hours) | 6 |
| WES LIII: GP | WES Level III: Global Perspectives approved course. See your WMU advisor for options. | 3 |
| Electives | Varies - Elective credits needed to reach 60 credit minimum at a 4-year University and 122 credit minimum for B.S. See your WMU advisor for options. | 8 – 9 |
| CREDIT HOURS AT WMU | | 47 – 48 |

All FCS courses above must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

Required – Choose One of the Two Tracks Below

| III.a. CHILD PROGRAMMING AND ADMINISTRATION TRACK (12 credits) | | |
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| WMU Course | WMU Course Title | WMU Credit Hours |
| ED 5750 | Administration of Child Development Centers | 3 |
| Choose 9 credits from the following: ED 3090, ED 3690, FCS 3110, FCS 5110, FCS 5120, FCS 5130, FCS 5140, SPED 3360, or WFED 5150 | Varies | 9 |
| CREDIT HOURS AT WMU | | 12 |

All courses above must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

| III.b. CHILD LIFE FOUNDATIONS TRACK (12 – 13 credits) | | |
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| WMU Course | WMU Course Title | WMU Credit Hours |
| FCS 1050 | Intro to Child Life | 1 |
| FCS 2150 | Adolescent Development | 3 |
| FCS 5510 | Families & Hospitalization I | 3 |
| Choose 3 credits from the following: FCS 5110, HSV 3700, HSV 4400, HSV 4860, or HSV 4880 | | 3 |
| Choose 2 to 3 credits from the following: FCS 5110, FCS 5120, FCS 5130, FCS 5140, HSV 3700, HSV 4400, HSV 4860, HSV 4880, WFED 1980, or WFED 1990 | | 2 – 3 |
| CREDIT HOURS AT WMU | | 12 – 13 |

All courses above must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

| TOTAL CREDITS (I - III) | | |
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| 62 KVCC Credits | | |
| 60 WMU Credits | | |
| 122 Total Credits | | |
| Minimum credits required for Kalamazoo Valley A.A: 62 | Minimum credits required at WMU: 60 | Total credits required for WMU B.S: 122 |

Contact Information

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WMU Notes

The Child Development and Services major prepares individuals to work with children, and their families, in a range of care and service settings. This major centers on the development of children, birth through school age, and the cultivation of skills, environments, and programs that promote healthy child development and outcomes. Interpersonal relationships and communications; diverse family systems; parent education; family law and policy; and professional ethics and competencies are emphasized.

The Child Development and Services major includes selection of courses within one of two tracks: Child Programming and Administration (fulfills State of Michigan requirements for childcare center directors) or Child Life Foundations (provides fundamental knowledge for service as a child life specialist).

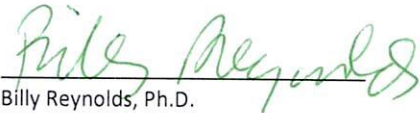
Graduates are prepared for work in a wide variety of child-centered services – parent education, adoption, foster care, behavior intervention, childcare, program administration, child welfare, alternative education – and for graduate studies in Child Life, Family Science and Services, Youth and Community Development, and other related programs. The Child Development and Services degree does not provide Michigan Department of Education teaching certification. Additional courses and clinical experiences beyond those offered in Child Development and Services with the Child Life Foundations track are necessary for certification as a child life specialist.

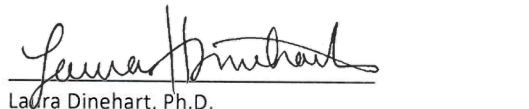
All required core courses (see Table II) are available online. Students can also take the majority of classes in-person. The Child Programming and Administration track (see Table III.a.) can also be completed fully online, provided courses with an online option are chosen.

There is no minor required with the Child Development and Services major.

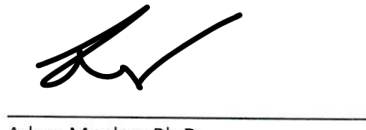
Program Agreement

This agreement shall commence on August 28, 2024. This program agreement shall abide by all language of the Institutional Agreement between Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University.


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