

Bachelor of Science Child & Adolescent Development



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Union Institute & University's Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Child & Adolescent Development encompasses all aspects of human growth from birth to adolescence. This major is designed to provide a comprehensive approach to working with children and families, preparing students for multiple roles and pathways. Additionally, the major prepares students to work successfully in a variety of health, human service, and education settings. Courses integrate research, theory, and developmental domains in order to implement practices for professional excellence.

Is This Program Right For You?

Union Institute & University's Child & Adolescent Development major focuses on the cognitive, social, affective, emotional, and physical development of children from birth through adolescence. The major outcomes are strongly guided by the Standards for Initial and Advanced Early Childhood Professional Preparation Programs from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the California Early Childhood Educator Competencies, as well as the National Standards for the Practice of Social Work with Adolescents (NASW). The purpose of this major is to cultivate professionals who serve in a variety of roles working with children and families. These roles include, but are not limited to, teachers, curriculum specialists, program directors, educational or social service administrators, family child-care providers, parent educators, child advocates, undocumented youth workers, social services specialists, and graduate studies candidates.

Core Courses Include:

- The Integration of Developmental Domains, Theory, and Practice
- Transforming Learning Standards into Achievement
- Constructing Reciprocal Relationships with Families and the Community
- The Art and Science of Assessing Children and Families
- Professional Practices

Elective Courses Include:

- Multicultural Issues in Child Development
- The Exceptional Child
- Development of the Adolescent
- Cognitive Development of the Child and Adolescent
- Working with Young Dual Language Learners

Benefits

- A program developed and taught by faculty who hold advanced degrees and are practitioners in the Child & Adolescent Development field
- Earn up to eight credits in eight weeks.
- Accelerate your completion by earning college credits through CLEP, DSST, prior learning assessment, certified learning, and credits recommended by ACE through military training.
- Transfer in up to 90 previously earned credits from an accredited college or university.
- Financial aid available to those who qualify.
- Study in an online or hybrid format that fits your learning style and your lifestyle.
- Learn from professionals who understand the challenges facing working adults.
- Work closely with a personal advisor and supportive staff who understand your academic and scheduling needs.

In Union's Child & Adolescent Development major you will find content that is relevant to your career today as you pursue your professional degree. Your degree provides immediate and future options in today's job market. Union's unsurpassed flexibility lets you complete your degree while meeting your commitments to family, career, and community.

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Our Mission

Union Institute & University educates highly motivated adults who seek academic programs to engage, enlighten, and empower them to pursue professional goals and a lifetime of learning, service, and social responsibility.



My professors were super supportive and encouraging, and years later, I still keep in touch with a number of classmates, professors, and administrators. My experience at Union Institute & University certainly prepared me for my next step in the academic world.

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Union Institute & University began with a vision of being a "university without walls"—an institution where working adults could have the opportunity to pursue a degree regardless of where they lived and worked. Many of the most commonly used terms in higher education— nontraditional students, interdisciplinary study, distance learning, mentoring, and social relevance—refer to concepts pioneered by Union more than 50 years ago.

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