

# Children's Studies

## Cheney *and* Online



The interdisciplinary Children's Studies major provides students a strong holistic background in the study of the development and learning of children, from birth to adolescence, in a variety of social contexts. Theory and practice from the disciplines of psychology and education form the foundation for this integrated curriculum. This approach enables students to develop a "toolbox" of skills that allows them, as graduates, to work with a variety of children in different settings and situations.

A choice of concentration areas, culminating in a internship or practicum experience, allows students to connect effectively with specific career opportunities that provide students with a clear path and direction into a career working with children.

### Option A: Child Life and Health

Designed for students interested in pursuing certification in Child Life with the Association of Child Life Professionals, and for those pursuing graduate work for future employment in medical fields working with children (e.g., medical social worker, occupational therapist, physical therapist, pediatric physician or dentist, etc.).

*\*Please note that medical degree programs may have additional prerequisite courses to complete as part of the bachelor's degree that may not be included in this option.*

**CAREERS:** Child Life Specialist | Occupational Therapist\* | Physical Therapist\* | Pediatric Physician\*

\*graduate work required

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## Option B: Child Services

Designed for students interested in pursuing work with children and/or families at the agency level. The scope of applicable careers is vast—adoption agencies, district health and service agencies, court-appointed special advocates (CASA), program directors, agency support.

**CAREERS:** Social Worker\* | Family Support Worker | Foster Care Supervisor | Adoption Counselor | At-Risk Youth Program Coordinator | Juvenile Justice Worker | Child and Family Specialist

\*graduate work required

## Option C: Community Programming for Children

Designed for students who want to pursue community-based work in learning and development. Students in this option take courses in education and special education, in addition, to specialized coursework that focuses on the development and facilitation of community programs for children.

Graduates of this option are able to identify, write, and facilitate grants for community programs, utilize community-based research in practice, conduct needs assessments and program evaluations, and employ a variety of direct strategies and techniques specific to working with children in community-based programs. Many of our students go on to pursue graduate school opportunities in areas such as School Counseling, Masters in Teaching, and Social Work.

**CAREERS:** Associate Directors of Community Early Learning Programs | Family Support Specialists | Youth Mentors | Community Development Specialists | Community Recreation Program Coordinator

### Additional Opportunities with Children's Studies:

- *Advanced Track* - Master of Arts in **Child Life**
- Children's Studies Club
- Connect Community Agencies and Hospitals

**Contact us for more information!**

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