

Curriculum Revision Form

Effective Date: FALL 2026

Submission Date: 9/10/2025

Department: Teaching & Leadership/FCS

College of: Education

Contact Person: Amber Tankersley

Minor Required? No

Revision

Major/Minor/Emphasis/Certification Name:

Child Development Minor

If selection is "Deletion" complete questions 2, 3, & 4, then complete signatures.

Revision to Curriculum – **REQUIRES ACADEMIC PLANNING EXCEL ATTACHED.**

Used to change program name and/or curriculum, effective the upcoming academic catalog.

Removes Major/Minor/Emphasis/Certificate from upcoming catalog.

1. Describe ALL Changes:

The child development minor needs to be revised to include our revised introductory early childhood course, FCS 290 Introduction and Overview of Childhood Programs. PSYCH 263 will be added as an option to taking FCS 285 within the core. This course will be added to the core minor courses, thus reducing the number of restricted elective courses to choose from four to three.

2. Rationale for change, including changes to curriculum objectives:

The introductory early childhood course should be a part of the child development minor. PSYCH 263 is a required course for many majors who choose the child development minor, FCS 285 is essentially the same course so we don't want minors to take nearly identical courses.

3. Will this change affect any education majors? *If "yes," this requirement will need approval of the Council for Teacher Education before upload to " College Curriculum Legislation" in SharePoint.*

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Yes

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No

4. If this change affects any other department on campus, **please attach all email notifications between departments.**

5. Does the revision meet University catalog definitions for majors, minors, emphases, and certificates as appropriate?

☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Will additional resources or costs will be required?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, what will be needed?

Definition of an Emphasis

Area of Emphasis is a specific subject area that exists within an approved degree program and major. At Pittsburg State University a minimum of 12 credit hours and no more than 24 credit hours are expected for an area of emphasis in a baccalaureate degree program.

Definition of a Minor

Minors at Pittsburg State University may range from 15 to 24 credit hours. When selected to accompany a degree that requires a minor there must be at least nine unique credit hours in the minor that are not found in the student's major in order to meet graduation requirements. In instances where the major requires a minor (not the degree type), academic departments/schools may specify minors that best achieve the learning objective for their students.

Definition of Certificate Program

A certificate program can be undergraduate or graduate in course content and provides a specific body of knowledge for personal or career development or professional continuing education. Certificates may be taken while also pursuing a degree or independent from any other studies at Pittsburg State University. It is recommended that if the student is only pursuing a certificate and not in conjunction with a degree and wishes to apply for federal financial assistance that they visit with personnel in the Student Financial Assistance office regarding the eligibility for aid for the certificate of interest. At Pittsburg State University a certificate can range from 12 credit hours to 24 credit hours.

Authorization Sign-Off Sheet

Checklist: Check once verified.

☒	Program guide from current catalog.
☒	Academic Planning Excel attached.
☐	120 Credit hours met.
☒	Course Id's match Course names.
☒	Course hours are correct.
☒	Listed courses are currently active.
☐	Needed Documentation attached.

-Approved: Department Chair/Director

Date: 9/12/25

Signature: _____



-Approved: College Curriculum Committee

Date: 11-4-25

Signature: _____



-Approved: Dean of College

Date: Nov 7, 2025

Signature: _____

Susan Bon
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-Approved: Council for Teacher Education (if applicable)

Date: 11-5-25

Signature: _____



-Approved: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: _____

Signature: _____

-Approved: Faculty Senate

Date: _____

Signature, Recorder Faculty Senate: _____

Following final College Curriculum Committee approval, please apply the appropriate signatures, and send them to your College Administrator.

Originating Department: After completing this form, please upload it to the SharePoint, within the appropriate College folder, "Preliminary Legislation", to allow for review and questions. Any modifications should be saved as "original file name.v2.pdf" and uploaded as well.

Child Development Minor

Core Requirements (10 hours)

- ___ FCS-285 Lifespan Human Development (3 hours)
- ___ FCS-390 Interacting with Children (3 hours)
- ___ FCS-391 Practicum in Early Childhood (1 hour)
- ___ FCS-590 Development of the Child: Birth Through Age Eight (3 hours)

Select four courses of Restricted Electives from:

- ___ EDUC-322 Early Literacy and Language Development (2 hours)
 - and ___ EDUC-323 Literature for Young Children Birth-3rd (1 hour)
 - ___ FCS-392 Infant and Toddler Development (3 hours)
 - ___ FCS-480 Dynamics of Family Relationships (3 hours)
 - ___ FCS-580 Family Violence and Child Abuse (3 hours)
 - or ___ FCS-780 Family Violence and Child Abuse (3 hours)
 - ___ FCS-690 Parent/Professional Relationships (3 hours)
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Revised: 08/05/2025

Make sure to attach the program guide from current catalog! (For Revised Curriculum)

<https://www.pittstate.edu/registrar/catalog>

Academic Planning Document for 2025-2026			
Major/Emphasis/Minor/Certificate - Child Development Minor			
Course Prefix	Course Num.	Course Name	Cr. Hr.
Core Courses -			13
FCS	285	Lifespan Human Development	
	OR		3
PSYCH	263	Developmental Psychology	
FCS	290	Introduction and Overview of Childhood Programs	3
FCS	390	Interacting with Children	3
FCS	391	Practicum in Early Childhood	1
FCS	590	Development of the Child	3
Elective Courses -Select 9 hours of Restricted Electives			
EDUC	322	Early Literacy and Language Development and	2
EDUC	323	Literature for Young Children Birth-3rd	1
FCS	392	Infant and Toddler Development	3
FCS	480	Dynamics of Family Relationships	3
FCS	580	Family Violence and Child Abuse or	3
FCS	780	Family Violence and Child Abuse	3
FCS	690	Parent/Professional Relationships	3
Total Credit Hours -			22
Minor -			
General Education, 34-35 hours -			
Total Credit Hours:			22

Be sure all information is correct and courses are active before submitting.

Curriculum Revisions **REQUIRE** a program guide from the current catalog, 24/25.

Your legislation will be returned if either is found.

DO NOT SAVE AS PDF, Leave in Excel worksheet format!

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