

## Curriculum Revision Form

Effective Date: FALL 2026

Submission Date:

Department: Teaching and Leadership

College of: Education

Contact Person: Heather Carter

Minor Required? Yes

### Revision

Major/Minor/Emphasis/Certification Name:

**Family and Consumer Sciences, Child Development emphasis**

*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:

We want to offer a 100% online emphasis option for working professionals in early childhood, in addition to the current Child Development emphasis offering. The emphasis would require a supervisor, or similar, to provide a letter of recommendation and letter of agreement as part of the admission process.

FCS 490/491 will be substituted for FCS 340 Special Topics and FCS 270 Practicum in FCS. This substitution accommodates offering an emphasis option 100% online.

HHP 260 is removed, as working professionals already have CPR/First Aid Certification.

FCS 570 Internships will be the only option instead of choosing between FCS 570 or FCS 591.

An additional open elective (3 hrs) has been added to compensate for removal of HHP 260 (2 hours) and the hour difference between FCS 570 and FCS 591. This will be selected in consultation with their faculty mentor.

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

Feedback from local and state stakeholders has requested an online option for working professionals. Additionally, our statewide professional circles are looking at raising the credentials and expertise expectations for our early childhood workforce. We want to be on the forefront in supporting these initiatives.

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?

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Yes

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No

6. Will additional resources or costs will be required?

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Yes

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No

If so, what will be needed?

Possibly. Faculty overload or adjunct will likely be needed to teach FCS 340 and FCS 270.

### **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.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Program guide from current catalog.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic Planning Excel attached.
<input type="checkbox"/>	120 Credit hours met.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Id's match Course names.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course hours are correct.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Listed courses are currently active.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needed Documentation attached.

-Approved: Department Chair/Director

Date: 9/12/25

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

-Approved: College Curriculum Committee

Date: 12-2-25

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Clemensen  
Jason Clemensen (Dec 4, 2025 08:30:37 CST)

-Approved: Dean of College

Date: Dec 11, 2025

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Susan Ben  
Susan Ben (Dec 11, 2025 14:59:03 CST)

-Approved: Council for Teacher Education (if applicable)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



# PittState

## Family & Consumer Sciences Child Development

### FRESHMAN YEAR

UGS 150 Gorilla Gateway.....2 hours  
FCS 100 Career Management in FCS.....1 hour  
ENGL 101 English Composition .....3 hours  
PHIL 105 – Bucket 6 .....3 hours -  
MATH 133 or 204 - Bucket 3 .....3 hours -  
PSYCH 155 or SOC 100 – Bucket 5 .....3 hours -

**Total Credits..... 15 hours**

### FRESHMAN YEAR

COMM 207 Speech Communication.....3 hours  
FCS 285 Lifespan Human Development .....3 hours  
BIOL 113 Environmental Life Science- Bucket 4 .....4 hours -  
SWK 250 Relationship Skills– Bucket 5 .....3 hours -  
FCS 290 Intro & Overview of Childhood Prog.....3 hours ^

**Total Credits.....16 hours**

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

ENGL 299 Introduction to Research Writing.....3 hours  
FCS 203 Nutrition and Health .....3 hours  
FCS 230 Consumer Education.....3 hours  
EDUC 261 or EDTH 330 - Bucket 7 .....3 hours -  
Minor Course.....3 hours

**Total Credits..... 15 hours**

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

Open Elective .....3 hours  
CD Restricted Elective .....3 hours  
Minor Courses.....6 hours  
ART 311 - Bucket 6.....3 hours -

**Total Credits.....15 hours**

### JUNIOR YEAR

FCS 390 Interacting with Children .....3 hours  
FCS 391 Practicum .....1 hours  
FCS 580 Family Violence/Child Abuse .....3 hours \*  
CD Restricted Elective .....6 hours  
Minor Course.....3 hours

**Total Credits..... 16 hours**

### JUNIOR YEAR

FCS 340 Topics in FCS .....3 hours  
FCS 270 Practicum in FCS .....1 hours  
FCS 592 Youth & Adolescence.....3 hours ^  
FCS 392 Infant & Toddler .....3 hours ^  
Minor Course .....3 hours  
Bucket 7 .....1 hours

**Total Credits.....14 hours**

Note: FCS 340 and FCS 270 must be enrolled in con-currently.

### SENIOR YEAR

FCS 470 Professional & Social Skills.....3 hours \*  
FCS 480 Dynamics of Family Relationships .....3 hours \*  
FCS 590 Development of the Child: Birth-Age 8 .....3 hours  
Minor Course.....3 hours  
CD Restricted Elective .....3 hours

**Total Credits..... 15 hours**

### SENIOR YEAR

FCS 570 Internship—Child Development.....4 hours  
FCS 690 Parent/Professional Relationships .....3 hours  
Minor Course .....3 hours  
CD Restricted Elective .....3 hours  
FCS 572 Senior Seminar.....1 hours

**Total Credits.....14 hours**

**Total Credits: 120 hours**



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\* Fall only

^ Spring only

~ If using First Aid/CPR certification, an additional 2 credit hours will need to be added.

- Recommended course(s) per FCS Faculty

# Child Development Emphasis - BS FCS

**Degree: Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Family and Consumer Sciences**

**Emphasis: Child Development**

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- \_\_\_ FCS-430 Family Resource Management (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ SOC-440 Personality and Social Structure (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ SOC-443 Race and Ethnic Relations (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ HHP-466 Motor Learning and Development (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ SWK-485 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II: Groups and Communities (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ SOC-548 Juvenile Delinquency (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ EDUC-551 English Language Learners in the Classroom (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ PSYCH-736 Psychology of Family Development (3 hours)

*Recommended Minors: Accounting, Art, Business Administration, Music, Recreation, Sociology, Psychology, and Special Education for Family and Consumer Sciences. Potential Careers: Child care center director, social services, preschool teacher, child care provider, licensing specialist, county extension and college instructor. Application to student teach in Early Childhood must be completed and turned in to the Early Childhood Program Coordinator by October 1st for spring student teaching and by April 1st for fall.*

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## Core Requirements

Revised: 08/05/2025

- \_\_\_ FCS-100 Career Management in Family and Consumer Sciences (1-2 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-203 Nutrition and Health (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-230 Consumer Education and Personal Finance (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-470 Professional and Social Skills (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-480 Dynamics of Family Relationships (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-572 Senior Seminar in Family and Consumer Sciences (1 hour)

## Emphasis Requirements, 35 hours

**See notes \*1**

- \_\_\_ FCS-285 Lifespan Human Development (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-290 Introduction and Overview of Childhood Programs (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-390 Interacting with Children (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-391 Practicum in Early Childhood (1 hour)
- \_\_\_ FCS-392 Infant and Toddler Development (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-490 Developmental Planning: Preschool and Kindergarten (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-491 Preschool Laboratory (1-2 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-570 Professional Internship (2-4 hours)

**Note: Special Permission Required.**

- or \_\_\_ FCS-591 Supervised Teaching in the Early Childhood Lab (5 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-580 Family Violence and Child Abuse (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-590 Development of the Child: Birth Through Age Eight (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-592 Study of Youth and Adolescence (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-690 Parent/Professional Relationships (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ HHP-260 First Aid and CPR (2 hours)

**Notes \*1: No credit will be given for outside certification for HHP 260 or if currently certified.**

## Select 15 hours of Restricted Electives from:

- \_\_\_ MUSIC-140 Children's Music (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ FCS-305 Community Nutrition (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ EDUC-322 Early Literacy and Language Development (2 hours)
- and \_\_\_ EDUC-323 Literature for Young Children Birth-3rd (1 hour)
- \_\_\_ SOC-360 Community Sociology (3 hours)
- \_\_\_ SWK-385 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I: Individual and Family Functioning (3 hours)

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 - Family and Consumer Sciences, Child Development Emphasis (100% online)

Course Prefix	Course Num.	Course Name	Cr. Hr.
<b>Core Courses -</b>			<b>14</b>
FCS	100	Career Management in Family and Consumer Sciences (1-2 hrs)	1
FCS	203	Nutrition and Health	3
FCS	230	Consumer Education and Personal Finance	3
FCS	470	Professional and Social Skills	3
FCS	480	Dynamics of Family Relationships	3
FCS	572	Senior Seminar in Family and Consumer Sciences	1
<b>Support Courses -</b>			<b>24</b>
		Students should select a minor that aligns with professional goals	21
		Open elective	3
<b>Emphasis Courses -</b>			<b>33</b>
FCS	285	Lifespan Human Development	3
FCS	290	Introduction and Overview of Childhood Programs	3
FCS	270	Practicum in FCS	1
FCS	340	Topics in FCS	3
FCS	390	Interacting with Children	3
FCS	391	Practicum in Early Childhood	1
FCS	392	Infant and Toddler Development	3
FCS	570	Professional Internship (2-4 hrs)	4
FCS	580	Family Violence and Child Abuse	3
FCS	590	Development of the Child: Birth through Age Eight	3
FCS	592	Study of Youth and Adolescence	3
FCS	690	Parent and Professional Relationships	3
		<i>FCS 390 and 391 should be enrolled in concurrently</i>	
<b>Elective Courses -</b>			<b>15</b>
		Pick 15 hours of Restricted Electives from:	15
MUSIC	140	Children's Music	
FCS	305	Community Nutrition	
EDUC	322	Early Literacy and Language Development	
EDUC	323	Literature for Young Children Birth-3rd	
SOC	360	Community Sociology	
SWK	385	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I: Individual and Family Functioning	
FCS	430	Family Resource Management	
SOC	440	Personality and Social Structure	

SOC	443	Race and Ethnic Relations	
HHP	466	Motor Learning and Development	
SWK	485	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II: Groups and Communities	
SOC	548	Juvenile Delinquency	
EDUC	551	English Language Learners in the Classroom	
PSYCH	736	Psychology of Family Development	
		<i>EDUC 322 and 323 should be enrolled in concurrently</i>	
<b>Total Credit Hours -</b>			<b>86</b>
<b>Minor -</b>			
<b>General Education, 34-35 hours -</b>			<b>34</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>			<b>120</b>

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

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

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