



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our faculty and staff are dedicated to the development of the whole student and to providing opportunities that ensure student success. Faculty include experts in child development and early childhood education, certified family life educators, licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed professional counselors.

By integrating academic learning with personal and professional growth, our students develop a strong foundation within a real-life context. All students participate in laboratory activities, experiential learning and field experiences that prepare them to serve, educate and advocate for children, families and communities in an evolving, multicultural world.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUPPORT

Our Student Advisement and Support Center provides individualized advisement and tutoring for all students, and our faculty mentors provide each student with personal academic and career guidance. We take great pride in our students' high graduation rate.

### LOCATIONS

The Bachelor of Science degree program in child and family sciences is offered on the Hattiesburg campus and fully online.

### LAB SCHOOL

The Center for Child Development in Hattiesburg provides students excellent opportunities to develop the professional skills they need to become exceptional educators, and we have contracts with early learning centers around the country to serve our online students.

# CHILD AND FAMILY SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

*EMPHASIS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR FAMILY SCIENCES*

### COURSEWORK

- Infant and child development
- Professional interpersonal development
- Guidance of the young child
- Early literacy
- Parenting
- Marriage and family dynamics
- Sexuality
- Program administration
- Childhood disabilities
- Financial management
- Advocacy and public policy



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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Students who select the child development emphasis are prepared to be intentional and effective early educators. They receive extensive instruction in development, early literacy, behavior and guidance, the inclusive classroom environment and curriculum planning.

*"One of my favorite courses has been Administration of Programs for Young Children.*

*I aspire to own a child development center, and this course revealed the connection between childcare and business that I needed.*

*The professor was personable and genuinely cared about my success. The most valuable part is that I was learning from someone who was currently directing a CFS program and could provide endless examples and personal experiences."*

– Sara Bibbs Davis

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Licensed pre-K and kindergarten educators
- Head Start teachers
- Early childhood teachers
- Administrators of child and family programs
- Early education program evaluators/monitors/trainers
- Parent educators

## QUALITY MATTERS

Programs that are accredited meet high national standards for quality. We are proud to be the largest program accredited by the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) in the state of Mississippi.

The Center for Child Development in Hattiesburg is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), a distinction held by only 10% of centers nationwide. Our graduates are eligible to become Certified Family Life Educators through the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR).

Graduates are also prepared for advanced graduate study in a variety of disciplines, including child and family sciences, early childhood education, marriage and family therapy, school counseling, early intervention, child life, family law, human growth and development, community health, social work and psychology—to name a few.



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## FAMILY SCIENCES

Students who select the family sciences emphasis are prepared for exciting and challenging careers in educational, mental health and human service organizations.

*"My favorite class by far was Sexuality in the Family System. The class was unlike any other class I've ever taken. It was always interesting, and I was continually excited to learn from the instructor every Thursday night.*

*This class broke many of my personal barriers in talking about sexuality, which has benefited me greatly in graduate school. While every class in child and family sciences is great, this class was the best in my opinion. I still talk about it today with friends with whom I took the class."*

– Katie Giedd

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN FAMILY SCIENCES

- Family social services, child protective services, adoption, foster care and at-risk youth programs
- Mental health facilities
- Faith-based organizations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Substance abuse outreach
- Community education programs
- Military family support services
- Extension offices