

## CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & FAMILY STUDIES

### Early Childhood & Family Development

This graduate program is designed for individuals who work with, or who are interested in working with, young children and/or families. This degree is appropriate for a large number of persons working with children and families in a variety of settings. In addition to a core of required courses, students will choose electives that best meet their professional needs. The program has a core set of courses that provide a strong early childhood and child development background.



### Elementary Education



This graduate program is designed primarily for practicing educators who desire to continue their professional growth toward master teacher with deeper knowledge and advanced skills in elementary teaching. With a curriculum focusing on theory, practice and content knowledge, candidates completing this degree are prepared for greater responsibility within their district, the role of mentor to colleagues and preservice teachers or pursuit of doctoral studies.

### Family & Consumer Science

This graduate program is designed for individuals who are currently an educator of family and consumer sciences or hold certification in family and consumer sciences. The program provides twelve hours of core coursework that advances teaching mechanisms. Elective coursework can be taken to enhance knowledge of current trends and issues in fashion, textiles, nutrition, wellness, housing and interior design. Students choose electives that best meet their professional needs.



### Child Life Studies



This program prepares students to excel as Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLS) in healthcare and other settings by fully developing and enhancing the professional knowledge and skills necessary to provide effective child life services with children and their families who are experiencing stressful or traumatic situations.