

CHILD LIFE MINOR (HDFS)

<https://chhs.unh.edu/human-development-family-studies/program/minor/child-life>

Description

The department of Human Development and Family Studies offers a minor in Child Life. The minor introduces undergraduate students to the Child Life profession, which works with children, adolescents, and families facing challenges associated with hospitalization, medical procedures, illness, and disability. You will gain insight on how to support children and their families to effectively cope with the stress and anxiety of hospitalization using developmental play and normalized activities in their environment.

For students who wish to go on to become Child Life Specialists, the full list of UNH approved courses by the Association of Child Life Professionals can be found under HDFS Undergraduate Forms. [Click here to read more about ACLE certification.](#)

The Child Life minor may also be taken by HDFS students.

Requirements

Required Courses for Child Life Minor

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 565	Introduction to Child Life ²	4
or SW 565	Introduction to Child Life	
HDFS 623	Developmental Perspectives on Infancy and Early Childhood ³	4
Select three (12 credits) from the Following List:		12
HDFS 624	Developmental Perspectives on Adolescence and Early Adulthood	
HDFS 635	Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Settings	
HDFS 641	Parenting Across the Life Span ²	
HDFS 697	Special Topics (Child Life Design and Programing) ²	
HDFS 697	Special Topics (Learning Through Play)	
HDFS 707	Practicum ¹	
HDFS 709	Child Development Internship ²	
HDFS 734	Curriculum for Young Children ²	
NURS 535	Death and Dying ²	

Note: Only 8 credits can count towards both your major and minor.

¹ Internship under the supervision of a CCLS. Contingent on approval from instructor and securing an internship site.

² Approved Child Life Certification course. These courses meet the Association of Child Life Professionals requirements to sit for the Exam. Note: Course work is only part of the ACLP requirements. Please visit the [ACLP Site by clicking here](#) for complete information.