Harding University
Child Development
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
College of Sciences

Degree: B.S. in Child Development

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Description of Major
The Child Development degree prepares one for professional work in providing individual and family services to increase parenting skills and enhance the development of young children and/or children with developmental and acquired disabilities. It focuses on developmentally appropriate practices for children in a variety of settings that align with the standards from national accreditation associations in child development. The comprehensive nature of this degree prepares the graduate for a variety of jobs that are in demand nationwide.

Outside the Classroom
Students are encouraged to join the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Arkansas Affiliate. This student organization sponsors trips to state and national conferences where students can interact with professionals in the field. High-achieving students may be selected for membership in Kappa Omicron Nu, an honorary society that recognizes scholarship in the field of family and consumer sciences. Harding’s chapter of KON is Nu Delta. The professional associations and honor societies provide excellent opportunities for students to develop leadership skills.
Bachelor of Sciences Degree
Child Development
(CHDV)

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**TOTAL HOURS** 128

**Employment Opportunities**
Child Development specialists will find that employment opportunities are readily available. Generally, the position involves working as part of a multi-disciplinary team including parents and family units. Knowledge of typical and atypical child development from birth to adolescence as well as a family-centered approach is critical to success.

**Examples of job titles include:**

- Activities Director
- Adoption Case Worker
- Bereavement Counselor
- Child Advocate
- Child Care Teacher/Director
- Child Care Assistant Manager
- Child Development Specialist
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Foster Care Case Worker
- Parent Educator
- Teenage Parenting Educator
- Youth Services Field Director

**JUST TO NAME A FEW!**