



## Baccalaureate Degree Plan

NCCCS Associate in Arts *or* Associate in Science  
*transfer to*  
East Carolina University, **BS CHILD LIFE**

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Acceptance into this major is on a competitive, space-available basis with admission each year prior to fall semester.

To be admitted into the child life program, an application packet must be submitted to the child life program coordinator after the student has completed a minimum of 45 semester hours (45 s.h.), including the following courses with a minimum grade of B (3.0) or better:

- HDFS 2000, HDFS 2001, HDFS 2021, HDFS 3002, HDFS 3150; NUTR 1000;
- and an overall GPA of at least B (3.0).

### Application Process

An application packet with the following items must be submitted to the child life program coordinator no later than the last Friday of March each academic year.

- completed application
- typed one-page (double-spaced) statement of purpose regarding why you would like to be admitted to ECU's child life program
- two to three letters of recommendation from faculty outside the child life program
- curriculum vitae or resume
- transcript of undergraduate work
- two or three selected examples of writing assignments
- documentation of a minimum of 50 volunteer hours and/or practicum hours working with children in a health care or special needs setting (ex. hospital, camp, clinic, etc.).

The faculty review committee will evaluate student applications on the basis of academic achievement and the standards published by the Association of Child Life Professionals, the governing board for the profession.

**As a transfer student, and because admission is by application packet, it is important to contact an ECU Academic Advisor, [hpadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:hpadvising@ecu.edu), as soon as possible.**

*An example of how to plan your first 2 years of the traditional 4 years of study is included at the end of this document.*

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## Recommended courses to take at a North Carolina Community College

ASL 111	ENG 111 ENG 112	PHI 240
COM 231	MAT 143, 152, or 171	PSY 150
EDU 144 EDU 145 EDU 221		SOC 210

- BIO 163 is also a transferable option if students choose not to take all EDU options.
- BUS 260, EDU 234, MED 122, and NUT 110 also transfer as required courses for this degree; however, they are not approved CAA electives.
- Other courses to complete an AA or AS are student's choice; no other current department recommendations.
- ECU's General Education Core can be used as possible suggestions for additional courses; however, completion of an approved NCCCS AA or AS waives the General Education requirement.
- For more information about General Education Core Requirements at ECU, and a list of specific course options, click [here](#).
- You do not have to complete all NCCCS equivalents or recommended courses before transferring. However, taking minimal recommendations may prolong your time to degree at ECU.

## Degree Requirements

### General Education Core Requirements

*40 semester hours credit required; completion of an approved NCCCS AA or AS waives this requirement.*

Competency	Semester Hour Credits Required	Notes
Written Communication	6	<i>ENG 111 and ENG 112 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>
Humanities & Fine Arts	9	<i>At least one class should be labeled as Humanities (HU) and one should be labeled as Fine Arts (FA).</i>
Social Sciences	9	<i>NCCCS HIS courses are not considered a social science at ECU.</i>
Natural Sciences	7	<i>One course must include a lab.</i>
Mathematics	3	<i>Choose MAT 143 or 171.</i>
Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity	3	<i>HEA 110 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>

General Education Specific Requirements	Include the following, specific courses as part of your General Education Core:	NCCCS Equivalents
	ANTH 1050 - Global Understanding BIOL 2130 - Survey of Human Physiology and Anatomy	<i>BIO 163</i>
	COMM 2020 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication or COMM 2410 - Public Speaking	<i>BUS 260 COM 231</i>
	PHIL 1175 - Introduction to Ethics or PHIL 2275 - Professional Ethics	<i>PHI 240</i>
	PSYC 1000 - Introductory Psychology SOCI 2110 - Introduction to Sociology	<i>PSY 150 SOC 210</i>

Core	Complete 56 semester hour credits.	NCCCS Equivalents
	HDFS 1103 - Individual, Family, and Romantic Relationships HDFS 2000 - Child Development I: Prenatal Through Early Childhood	<i>EDU 144</i>
	HDFS 2001 - Child Development II: Middle Childhood Through Young Adulthood	<i>EDU 145</i>
	HDFS 2021 - Introduction to Child Life HDFS 3002 - Family Systems and Parenting Across the Life Cycle	
	HDFS 3022 - Death, Dying, and Bereavement HDFS 3150 - Introduction to Early Childhood Intervention	<i>EDU 221</i>
	HDFS 3321 - Infant and Toddler Curriculum HDFS 3413 - The Hospitalized Child	<i>EDU 234</i>
	HDFS 3600 - Play in the Lives of Children HDFS 4000 - Introduction to Child and Family Research HDFS 4201 - Assessment for Intervention HDFS 4210 - Child Life Practicum HDFS 4303 - Families and Cultural Diversity HDFS 4415 - Child Life Internship HDFS 4993 - Early Childhood Practicum	

<b>Cognates</b>	<p>Complete 15 semester hour credits.</p> <p>HIMA 3000 - Medical Terminology for Health Professionals  MUSC 4277 - Music for Group Activities  MUSC 4287 - Music for Group Activities Practicum  NUTR 1000 - Contemporary Nutrition  PSYC 3310 - Introduction to Neuroscience  SOCW 4505 - Community Services for Children</p>	<p><i>NCCCS Equivalents</i></p> <p><i>MED 122</i></p> <p><i>NUT 110</i></p>
<b>Restricted electives</b>	<p>Complete 9 semester hour credits from the following options:</p> <p>ANTH 1050 - Global Understanding</p> <p>ANTH 3252 - Medical Anthropology <b>or</b>  SOC 3327 - Introductory Medical Sociology</p> <p>ART 3850 - Art in the Elementary School  ASLS 2020 - Sign Language Studies I  CSDI 2100 - Introduction to Communication Disorders  HLTH 2125 - Responding to Emergencies with Basic Life Support  HLTH 2126 - Responding to Emergencies with Basic Life Support Laboratory  IRHE 2000 - Introduction to Rural Health Care Teams  LIBS 3200 - The Art of Storytelling  MUSC 3048 - Music for Exceptional Children  MUSC 3058 - Music for the Preschool Child  RCTX 2200 - Principles and Practices in Stress Management</p>	<p><i>NCCCS Equivalents</i></p> <p><i>ASL 111</i></p>
<b>Licensure/  Certification  Requirements in  North Carolina</b>	<p>The curriculum for all ECU Certificates, Degrees, and Minors have been designed to meet the licensure/certification requirements in North Carolina and prepare students to sit for licensure/certification exams in North Carolina. The various licensure boards in each state are responsible for setting requirements for licensure/certification in their state. Other states have their own requirements, and you'll want to make sure your program meets criteria in your home state (or state where you intend to work) before you apply. Search our state Licensure Dashboard to see if the program you're interested in meets the educational requirements for licensing/certification in your home state (or state where you intend to work).</p>	

## Potential 2 Year Map for BS Child Life

An example of courses to take at your community college.

### First Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 111	ENGL 1100
COM 231	COMM 2410
MAT 143, 152, or 171	MATH 1050, 2228, or 1065
HEA 110	HLTH 1000/KINE 1000
ACA 122	COAD 1XXX (elective credit)

### Second Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
Natural Science course	
PSY 150	PSYC 1000
EDU 144	HDFS 2000
PHI 240	PHIL 1175
ASL 111 (or other Additional General Education course)	ASLS 2020

### Third Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 112	ENGL 2201
Humanities/Fine Arts course or Additional General Education course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Math	
SOC 210	SOCI 2110
EDU 145	HDFS 2001
Additional General Education Course	

### Fourth Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
EDU 221	HDFS 3150
Social Behavioral Science course or Additional General Education course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Natural Science	
Additional General Education course	
Additional General Education course	
Additional General Education course or Elective course as needed to complete degree requirements	

- Schedule at ECU will depend on courses completed at the community college and semester of entry (fall or spring).
- You should email [hpadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:hpadvising@ecu.edu) as soon as possible for more specialized advising.
- This schedule is dependent on taking full-time course loads; however, it may not be realistic to take a full-time course load if you are working full-time or part-time, are a caregiver, or have other obligations. **Ask your advisor how you can be most successful.**