

SOUTHERN
WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
**EARLY CHILDHOOD
& FAMILY STUDIES**

ONLINE PROGRAM

This program does not lead to teacher certification.

Early Childhood and Family Studies is an interdisciplinary program that prepares graduates to work in a variety of school settings that serve children and families. Through this program, students acquire the values, knowledge, skills and dispositions within a “Christian ethic of care” necessary to positively impact contemporary families in the areas of early childhood and family studies.

We offer you the skills you need to succeed in the world of early care and development. In addition to jobs in Head Start, jobs are available in public and private schools and family service organizations.

This program is eligible for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program. Learn more at www.teachecnationalcenter.org/state-contacts/

ONLINE EXPERIENCE

This program is offered in a fully online format, with all courses offered through an online learning management system. Courses are seven weeks in length.

As an online student, you will earn the same degree as you would in the physical classroom. Courses are taught in a flexible virtual classroom experience, designed to be both engaging and challenging. Students have access to an incredible array of learning resources and can complete their online degrees around their own schedule.

At Southern Wesleyan, we understand the needs and commitments of working adults. We have been providing working adults with Christ-centered educational opportunities for more than 30 years. Our programs are specifically designed to allow you to earn a degree while still meeting your personal and professional responsibilities.

General Education Core	40 credits
ECFS Core	41 credits
Professional Education Courses	28 credits
Electives	11 credits
Total ECFS	120 credits

TRANSFER FRIENDLY PROGRAM

MAJOR COURSES

- ECFS 2743 – The Study of Young Children
- ECFS 3743 – Curriculum and Instruction in ECE
- ECFS 3843 – Parent Education
- ECFS 4343 – Organization and Administration of ECE Programs
- EDRS 3073 – R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for ECE/ELE
- EDUC 3742 – Methods of Teaching Creative Arts
- EDUC 3363 – Behavior of the Preschool Child/Field Experience
- ENGL 3043 – Children’s Literature
- PSYC 3113 – Adolescent Psychology
- PSYC 3133 – The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging
- PSYC 3753 – Practical Counseling Skills OR PSYC 3763 Multicultural Counseling
- SOSC 2103 – Sex, Courtship, and Marriage
- SOSC 2513 – Family Studies
- SOSC 3073 – Management Issues in the Helping Professions

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES

- ECFS 4646 – Child and Family Internship I
- ECFS 4656 – Child and Family Internship II
- EDUC 1201 – Cornerstone to Education
- EDUC 2113 – Foundations of Education
- EDUC 2663 – Effective Methods for Early Childhood Education/Field Experience
- EDUC 3183 – Ethics in Education
- EDUC 3203 – Introduction to the Exceptional Child
- PSYC 3103 – Child Psychology

Actual course sequencing varies per student depending on the amount of transfer coursework. Please refer to the academic catalog for official program details and course descriptions at catalog.swu.edu.

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SWU DISTINCTIVES

FAITH

An education at Southern Wesleyan University is more than just a degree. Southern Wesleyan is a Christ-centered institution providing faith-based education that applies Christian values and ethics to your professional development and the understanding to apply those values to your career.

HISTORY

Southern Wesleyan has a history of providing quality education with its main campus founded in 1906 in Central, South Carolina. SWU has also been a leader in degree programs for busy adults for more than 30 years.

COMMUNITY & SUPPORT

We are a partner in your success, so we have created student support systems to help you along the way to graduation and beyond. Our academic coordinators will help you plan your course schedule all the way to graduation. Our small class sizes allow for strong engagement with your faculty as well as other students. We also offer career services to help prepare you for your next career move.

AFFORDABLE

When you apply for financial aid at Southern Wesleyan, we'll develop an aid package that meets your particular needs. With little or no upfront expense for many students, your college education is more affordable than you think.

ACCREDITATION

Southern Wesleyan University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southern Wesleyan University.
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