Why Study Early Childhood?

The specialization offers students the foundation for certification as teachers of young children from Pre-kindergarten through grade 6. The Early Childhood specialization is uniquely configured to provide students with a grounding in child development from the Department of Human Development and Family Studies followed by courses in curriculum and instruction in the College of Education. The Early Childhood program meets current Texas requirements for teacher certification. Opportunity is afforded in the Child Development Research Center and Texas Tech University Early Head Start for the student to observe and interact with infants, toddlers, and young children. Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The early childhood specialization focuses on the development of children as individuals, within the family and within larger peer group and school settings. Certification is offered for teachers of young children from Pre-kindergarten through the 6th elementary grade; however, the major emphasis of the program is on preparing professionals to work with young children in the typical early childhood years (infancy through grade 3).

Why Study in the College of Human Sciences?

The College provides exceptional educational opportunities for students interested in improvement of the human condition. Programs are related to social science, business, design, education and nutritional sciences. Faculty, staff, and students advance research concerning individual, social and economic development, in a multidisciplinary environment to benefit families and individuals in a diverse global community. Outreach is also provided to individuals, organizations, and communities to help improve the society in which we live.

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

- **Undergraduate Research**
  The College of Human Sciences has its own Research office dedicated to encouraging faculty and student research, increase external funds to the College, mentoring research activities between students and faculty, and preparing students for future careers. For more information, visit the site: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/research/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/research/)

- **Study Abroad**
  From culinary classes in Florence to Range and Wildlife Management in Australia, from language study at the Texas Tech Center in Sevilla to Engineering in Czech Republic, Texas Tech has programs in more than 70 countries in which TTU students can participate.

For more information about upcoming study abroad information, visit the website: [https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/](https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/)

- **Graduate Education**
  The Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in Human Development and Family Studies focus on the development of the individual across the life span as well as interpersonal relationships in multiple contexts. Both degree programs offer flexibility that allows the student to shape a study plan that is consistent with his or her own interests and career goals. Students majoring in HDFS have focused on early childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, life span development, and gerontology. The Department offers coursework and significant faculty expertise in addictions, risk-taking behaviors, program planning and evaluation, gender issues, family violence, childhood abuse, marriage, divorce, blended families, and parenting.

- **Professional Career**
  Our University Career Center offers help to alumni and current students hoping to improve their job outlook through career assessments, resume critiquing, and more! Students looking to find more information can visit the website for more information here: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php)

- **Scholarship**
  Named a top value by Kiplinger in recent years, TTU offers a quality education at a fair price. Tuition and housing increases are well below others in public higher education. Texas Tech rewards exceptional students with merit-based scholarships and provides need-based financial assistance to qualified families. For more information, please visit the website: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/scholarships/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/scholarships/)

- **Student Organizations**
  As a part of the Texas Tech community, students have the opportunity to join more than 450 registered student organizations. These organizations allow students to get to know their fellow students and faculty outside the classroom, and become involved with the campus and community. For more information and organizations that fit your interest, visit the website: [https://www.ttu.edu/campus-life/student-life/student-organizations.php](https://www.ttu.edu/campus-life/student-life/student-organizations.php)

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)
The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

▪ The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

▪ A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

▪ The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

▪ Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

▪ Admission Requirements
  Application from applyttxas.org

  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

Zach Fisher — West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location: Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zack.fisher@ttu.edu

Maryellen Baeza—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location: Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
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Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

▪ Academics—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major

▪ Student-submitted essay—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success

▪ Extracurricular activities/employment information—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/