



Grand Rapids
Community College

Western Michigan University
Bachelor of Science
Child Development and Services, B.S.

Grand Rapids Community College
Associate of Applied Arts and Science
Child Development, A.A.A.S. with MTA

Catalog Year 2025-2026

I. GRCC REQUIRED COURSES FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, A.A.A.S. (61 Credits)		
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*EN 101	ENGL 1050	3
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*PY 201	PSY 1000	3
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*Natural Science General Education – Elective	Varies	3-5
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*Math General Education - Elective	Varies	3-5
EDU 118	ED 2500 (substitute for FCS 2140)	4
EDU 210	FCS 3140	4
EDU 212	EDU 212 + EDU 227 = ED 3090	3
EDU 215	FCS Credit	3
EDU 227	EDU 212 + EDU 227 = ED 3090	4
EDU 230	SPED 3360	4
EDU 280	FCS Credit	3
EDU 285	FCS Credit	2
EDU 218 (required course for CPA) or PY 234 (required course for CLF)	ED 5750 or PSY Credit (substitute for FCS 2150)	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS AT GRCC		61 TRANSFERABLE CREDIT HOURS

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II. WMU REQUIRED COURSES FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES, B.S. (61 Credits)		
WMU Course	WMU Course Title	WMU Credit Hours
Child Development and Services Core		
FCS 1010	Practices and Professions in Family Science	3
FCS 1030	Lifespan Development	3
FCS 2190	Principles of Research in Family Science	3
FCS 3170	Crisis and Resiliency in Families	3
FCS 3180	Intimate Relationships	3
FCS 4120	Family Policy ^{LNP}	3
FCS 5350	Communication Skills for Working with Families	3
FCS 4295	Internship in Family Science and Human Development (300-clock hours)	6
Child Development and Services Cognates		
FCS 2170	Diverse Children, Families & Communities	3
FCS 4150	Parenting Roles, Relations and Partnerships	3
Complete One of the Two Tracks Below		
Child Programming and Administration Track (CPA)		
*ED 3690, *FCS 3110, *FCS 5110, *FCS 5120, *FCS 5130, *FCS 5140, *WFED 5150 --- courses with an * are also considered cognates	Varies – choose 3 credits	3
Child Life Foundations Track (CLF)		
FCS 1050	Intro to Child Life	1
FCS 5510	Families & Hospitalization I	3
*HSV 3700, *HSV 4400, *HSV 4860, *HSV 4880, FCS 5110, FCS 5120, FCS 5130, FCS 5140, WFED 1980, WFED 1990 --- courses with an * are also considered cognates	Varies – choose 5 credits	5
WMU Essential Studies (WES)		
WES Level III: Global Perspectives ^{GP}	Students can choose FCS 3150 or any other approved WES Level III: Global Perspectives course to satisfy this requirement. See WMU advisor for other options.	3
Electives		
Electives	Additional elective credits will be needed to reach the 60-credit hour minimum at a 4-year University and the 122-credit hour minimum to graduate with a bachelor's degree from WMU.	16-22
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TOTAL CREDITS (I – II)
61 GRCC Credits
61 WMU Credits
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Contact Information

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Program Agreement

This agreement shall commence as of August 1, 2025. This program agreement shall abide by all language of the Institutional Agreement between Grand Rapids Community College and Western Michigan University.

WMU's Child Development and Services program prepares individuals to work with children, and their families, in a range of care and service settings. This major centers on the development of children, birth through school age, and the cultivation of skills, environments, and programs that promote healthy child development and outcomes. Interpersonal relationships and communications; diverse family systems; parent education; family law and policy; and professional ethics and competencies are emphasized.

The Child Development and Services program includes a selection of courses within one of two tracks: Child Programming and Administration (fulfills State of Michigan requirements for childcare center directors) or Child Life Foundations (provides fundamental knowledge for service as a child life specialist).

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Family Science and Services Core Courses		
FCS 1010	Practices and Professions in Family Science	3
FCS 1030	Lifespan Development	3
FCS 2190	Principles of Research in Family Science	3
FCS 3150	Global Ecology of the Family ^{GP}	3
FCS 3170	Crisis and Resiliency in Families	3
FCS 3180	Intimate Relationships	3
FCS 4120	Family Policy ^{LNP}	3
FCS 4190	Teaching Family Life Education	3
FCS 4295	Internship in Family Science and Human Development (300-clock hours)	6
Family Science and Services Cognates		
FCS 2090	Family Resource Management	3
FCS 2170	Diverse Children, Families & Communities	3
FCS 4130	Later Life Family Relationships	3
FCS 4150	Parenting Roles, Relations and Partnerships	3
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WMU's Family Science and Services program prepares students to use preventive and educational approaches within a diversity of settings to strengthen individual and family well-being across the lifespan.

Graduates of the program are eligible to be granted provisional status as a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) by the National Council on Family Relations. Recent graduates hold positions as sexuality educators, caseworkers, family court workers, substance abuse assessment specialists, and volunteer and activity directors in state government, community programs and public and private agencies.

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Youth and Community Development Core Courses		
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FCS 1030	Lifespan Development	3
FCS 2190	Principles of Research in Family Science	3
FCS 3110	Youth Development Foundations	3
FCS 3120	Curriculum & Assessment in Youth Development	3
FCS 3170	Crisis and Resiliency in Families	3
FCS 3180	Intimate Relationships	3
FCS 4110	Youth Development Skills and Processes	3
FCS 4120	Family Policy ^{LNP}	3
ES 5850	Social Justice & Community Organizing	3
ED 5950	Experiential Education & Place-Based Learning	3
FCS 4295	Internship in Family Science and Human Development (300-clock hours)	6
Youth and Community Development Cognates		
FCS 2170	Diverse Children, Families, and Communities	3
FCS 4150	Parenting Roles, Relations, and Partnerships	3
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WMU's Youth and Community Development program prepares students to enrich and advance youth and community well-being. Students cultivate youth advocacy skills and competencies through study of developmental theories, family and societal contexts, and evidence-based approaches. Community psychology and prevention sciences serve as foundations for developing effective practices, learning environments, and programming.

The program readies students for service in a variety of public, private, and non-profit settings. Graduates pursue careers in human service organizations and agencies; out-of-school-time, community service, and youth activism programs; dropout prevention and alternative education; juvenile justice; and informal learning environments such as museums, camps, nature centers and environmental, outdoor, and adventure programs. The degree also builds the skills and knowledge outlined in the National After School Association's Core Knowledge and Competencies for After School and Youth Development Professionals.

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