

Family Life Education Major

Family Life Education is an interdisciplinary field of study that draws from various disciplines such as psychology, education, sociology, communications, law and public policy, economics, theology, and home management. It provides an understanding of human development, family systems, and interpersonal relationships. Graduates will be equipped to provide instruction and guidance to others in the subjects of marriage, parenting, family dynamics, and human relations. This program will also equip graduates to build healthy marriages and families in their own personal lives.

Certification as a Family Life Educator is provided by the National Council on Family Relations (www.ncfr.org). To qualify, applicants must have coursework in ten substance areas and two years of experience in the field. This major has been designed to fulfill those ten substance areas (Family in Society, Internal Dynamics of Families, Human Growth and Development, Human Sexuality, Interpersonal Relationships, Family Resource Management, Parent Education and Guidance, Family Law and Public Policy, Professional Ethics, and Family Life Education Methodology). In the near future, the College will apply to become an approved program by the NCFR, which will streamline the application process for certification.

Family life educators find employment in a wide variety of settings: family ministries in churches, family service agencies, foster care, food stamp programs, Meals-on-Wheels, nursing homes, hospitals, day care centers, community mental health centers, public health clinics, group homes, senior centers, government agencies, parks and recreation departments, educational institutions, and department of corrections.

Graduates who complete the Family Life Education Major will be able to:

- Understand concepts and principles of healthy marriages and families;
- Articulate their own attitudes and values about family issues;
- Develop and implement programs of instruction and guidance that will build and equip healthy families;
- Analyze and assess global and local needs of today's families;
- Exercise interpersonal and professional skills that contribute to a positive family environment.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		46 Hours
BIBLE/THEOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		39 Hours
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS		5 Hours
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		36 Hours
CE 280	Marriage and Family	3
CO 450	Family Counseling	3
ED 220	Human Learning and Development	3
FLE 300	Parent Education and Guidance	3
FLE 350	Human Sexuality	3
FLE 400	Family Resource Management	3
FLE 425	Family Life Ministry	3
FLE 450	Family Law and Public Policy	3
FLE 495	Family Life Education Internship	3
IOC 310	Dynamics of Interpersonal Communication	3
IOC 340	Gender Communication	3
IOC 430	Communication in Conflict Management	3
GENERAL ELECTIVES		4 Hours
TOTAL		130 Hours

Model Course Sequence ~ Family Life Education Major

This model is one example of the progression of courses for this major in the Bachelor of Science degree.

Variations may occur due to student needs and interests, times when courses are offered, and other factors.

Freshman

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BT 100	1	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	CC 110	3	Speech Fundamentals
BT 135	2	Personal Spiritual Formation	EN 131	3	Composition & Grammar 2
EN 130	3	Composition & Grammar 1	HI 141	2	Medieval Western Civilization
HI 140	3	Ancient Western Civilization	LI 141	2	Medieval Western Literature
LI 140	2	Ancient Western Literature	MU 100	2	Introduction to Music
PY 100	1	College Success	NT 110	3	Life of Christ
PY 150	3	Introduction to Psychology			
Total Hrs. 15			Total Hrs. 15		

Sophomore

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
CM 200	3	Introduction to Ministries 1	ED 220	3	Human Learning and Development
HI 242	3	Contemporary World Civilization	MA 250	3	Introduction to Statistics (if General Biology is not taken)
LI 242	2	Contemporary World Literature	NT 225	3	New Testament Epistles
MA 200	3	Quantitative Literacy (if Physical Science is not taken)	OT 211	3	Old Testament 2
NT 215	3	Acts	SC 130	3	General Biology
OT 210	3	Old Testament 1	SC 131	1	General Biology Lab (or SC 120, 121 in Fall Semester)
SC 120	3	Physical Science	SC 200	2	Biological Foundations of Nutrition
SC 121	1	Physical Science Lab (or SC 130, 131 in Spring Semester)			
Total Hrs. 17/18			Total Hrs. 14/15		

Junior

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
FLE 425	3	Family Life Ministry	BT 300	2	Basic Apologetics
IOC 340	3	Gender Communication	CO 450	3	Family Counseling
OT 312	3	Old Testament 3	FLE 400	3	Family Resource Management
PH 280	3	Worldviews & Ethics	FLE 495	3	Family Life Education Internship (summer)
SO 290	3	Cultural Anthropology (or REL 380 in Spring Semester)	HI 310	2	Restoration History
		2 Hours of General Electives	IOC 310	3	Dynamics of Interpersonal Communication
			IOC 430	3	Communication in Conflict Management
Total Hrs. 17			Total Hrs. 19		

Senior

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BT 310	4	Christian Theology 1	BT 311	4	Christian Theology 2
FLE 300	3	Parent Education and Guidance	CE 380	3	Marriage and Family
FLE 450	3	Family Law and Public Policy	CM 480	2	Senior Seminar
NT 400	3	Johannine Literature	FLE 350	3	Human Sexuality
		2 Hours of General Electives			5 Hours of Bible/Theology Electives
Total Hrs. 15			Total Hrs. 17		