Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
Community Education, B.A.

College of Education and Professional Studies

Program Description
The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Community Education Specialization, is a fully accredited online program that prepares students to plan and deliver flexible educational programs for children, youth, and young adults in informal and community-based educational settings.

About This Major
- **College:** College of Education and Professional Studies
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Community Education Specialization
- **Required Hours for the Degree:** 120

High-Impact Practices
Students will engage in and develop their own knowledge of high-impact practices for facilitating the life-long learning of diverse children, youth, and young adults in community educational environments. Some of these environments include museums, environmental education centers, summer camps, and afterschool programs. Students will learn to apply Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles to design educational programming that ensures accessibility to learners of all ages with diverse needs.

The following high-impact practices are embedded throughout the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Community Education program.

Collaboration
Students participate in collaborative learning experiences and activities as they develop their knowledge of community education and learning generally, and UDL principles specifically.

Service Learning
Students engage in service learning in an informal and community-based setting of their selection.

Field Instruction
Students partake in experiential learning in both formal and informal settings in order to develop an awareness and appreciation of the unique features of each learning context.

Diversity
Students will explore diversity in the cultures, languages and needs of learners in informal and community-based settings.

Career Opportunities
- Afterschool Coordinator
- Museum Education Coordinator
- Outdoor Education Coordinator
- Environmental Education Coordinator
- Parks and Recreation Program Specialist
- Parent Educator
- Preschool Teacher
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Curriculum
The Community Education degree includes 60 semester hours of coursework in general and subject-specific methods and strategies with a focus on engaging participants in community education settings and meaningful learning experiences. Program admission requires a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Community Education students must complete all major or major-related courses with a grade of “C-” or better and maintain a GPA of at least 2.0.

Major Courses
Total Hours: 42
- EDF 3234: Applied Foundations of Education
- LAE 3314: Literacy for the Emergent Learner
- EDG 4413: Effective Learning Environments
- EDG 4064: Teaching at Risk Learners
- EEX 3070: Methods in Inclusion & Collaboration
- TSL 4080: ESOL Principles & Practices
- EDG 3945: Field Experience I
- RED 3310: Literacy Instruction for the Intermediate Learner
- EDG 4373: Elementary/ESE Integrated Arts
- EDG 4077: Learning in Community Education Environments
- EDG 4334: UDL for Community Education Environments
- EDG 4947: High Impact Practice Seminar (Co-requisite EDG 4944)
- EDG 4944: High Impact Practice Practicum (Co-requisite EDG 4947)
- EDG 4931: Capstone Seminar in Community Education

Choose 1 Course from Below
Total Hours: 3
- DEP 3103: Child Development
- DEP 4305: Psychology of Adolescence
- DEP 2004: Human Development Across the Lifespan

Choose 15 Credits from Below
Total Hours: 15
- CLP 3144: Abnormal Psychology
- CLP 4314: Health Psychology
- DEP 3103: Child Development
- DEP 2004: Human Development Across the Lifespan
- DEP 4404: Adulthood and Aging
- DEP 4305: Psychology of Adolescence
- DEP 4222: Autism Spectrum
- EAB 4704: Introduction to Behavior Modification
- EXP 4404: Psychology of Learning
- EEX 4141: Survey of Normal/Abnormal Speech Development
- HSC 4120: Consumer Health Education
- HSC 4133: Health Aspects of Human Sexuality
- HSC 4143: Drugs in Society
- HSC 4551: Communicable and Degenerative Diseases
- HSC 4104: Health Aspects of Stress Management
- HSC 4211: Human Environmental Health
- HSC 4500: Epidemiology
- HSC 4633: Current Issues in School - Community Health
- HSC 4300: Changing Health Behaviors
- HSC 4572: Nutrition and Health
- INP 3004: Industrial Psychology
- SOP 3004: Social Psychology
- PSB 4003: Brain, Behavior & Experience
- SOW 3650: Intro to Child Welfare
- SOW 4111: Adolescents at Risk
- SOW 4242: Families and Family Treatment
- SOW 3314: Case Management
- SOW 4141: Social Aspects of Family Violence
- STA 2023: Elements of Statistics
- SYO 3100: The Family
- Other 3000/4000 level advisor-approved elective