

# CHILD AND YOUTH PRACTICE - MINOR

College of Education and Human Services  
 School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences  
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## About This Program

Gain valuable insights into working with children and youth with the Child and Youth Practice minor! This program equips you with essential skills to support and advocate for young people in various settings. Explore the curriculum and career opportunities today—start making a difference in young lives! Read more...

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare this minor, students must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and earned a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State GPA. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Minor Requirements</b>		
HDF 24012	RELATIONSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT ACROSS CHILDHOOD	3
HDF 44020	RELATIONSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT ACROSS ADOLESCENCE AND EMERGING ADULTHOOD	3
HDF 44037	POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	3
HDF 44038	PROFESSIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH PRACTICE	3
Minor Elective, choose from the following: 3		
HDF 44035	TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES	

HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE
IHS 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY
SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.500	2.500

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Explain historical and current approaches in child and youth practice.
2. Describe the typical physical, cognitive, social and emotional development associated with childhood and adolescence.
3. Identify the contextual factors that influence child and youth development.
4. Adopt a strengths-based perspective for assessing, facilitating and developing child and youth programming.

## Admission GPA for Undergraduate Students

For admissions, the College of Education and Human Services considers a student to have established a Kent State University GPA after the student has successfully completed a minimum of 12 Kent State University credit hours.

**New Students and Transfer Students:** Undergraduate students who have not completed a minimum of 12 Kent State University credit hours will be evaluated for admission into an academic program, advanced study and the professional phase based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Once a student has successfully completed a minimum of 12 Kent State University credit hours, only the student’s Kent State overall GPA will be considered for admission into a program, advanced study and professional phase. Transfer applicants who have completed fewer than 12 semester credit hours of college-level coursework will be evaluated on both collegiate and high school records.

**Current Students:** Students who have completed 12 or more credit hours of previous college-level coursework — either at Kent State University or at another accredited institution — need an overall GPA of 2.00 or higher to declare a College of Education and Human Services major, minor or certificate unless a higher minimum GPA is specified by the program.

The following degree programs require a minimum 2.750 overall GPA for current students who have an established GPA to declare a major:

- American Sign Language/English Interpreting
- Early Childhood Education
- Integrated Language Arts
- Integrated Mathematics
- Integrated Science

- Integrated Social Studies
- Middle Childhood Education
- Physical Education, Health and Sport Exploration (only Health and Physical Education concentration or Physical Education Licensure concentration)
- Special Education

## Full Description

The Child and Youth Practice minor teaches students how to work effectively with children and adolescents as well as their families in a variety of settings, including, but not limited to, residential treatment, group care, community youth services, foster care and after-school programs. Students learn how to promote positive youth development within diverse communities through developmentally appropriate programming that emphasizes the strengths and resources youth bring with them. Graduates of the minor leave with the skills needed to develop and share the support services that children and young adults need to be successful, overcome challenges and thrive.

Students majoring in Psychology, Sociology, Human Development and Family Science, Communication Studies, Criminology and Justice Studies, Community or School Health Education, as well as students in the visual and performing arts, may be interested in the Child and Youth Practice minor to strengthen their unique capacity to work successfully with young people and their families.