

Children and Family Ministries

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- 3 hours from the following:
 - ENG 2233 American Literature I
 - ENG 2243 American Literature II
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government

3 hours from the following:

- HIS 1113 American History I
- HIS 1123 American History II

- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

3 hours from the following:

- BIO 1113 Biological Science
- PHY 1113 Physical Science

3 hours from the following:

- MTH 1113 College Mathematics
- MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle

2 hours from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- CMN 1223 The Church in Mission
- CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1153 New Testament Literature
- REL 1163 Old Testament Literature
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

The Children and Family Ministries program is designed to train students for a variety of professional roles focused upon ministry to the needs of children and families. This program is designed for those who will minister in churches, evangelistic efforts, Christian education settings, professional organizations, and cross-cultural efforts. During this program of studies students will engage significant field ministry experiences.

Upon completion of this program students should be able to:

1. Articulate a foundational understanding of Children and Family Ministries which includes a personal philosophy, a biblical defense, and a familiarity with effective practices.
2. Lead children to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, and disciple them through teaching and mentoring ministries based upon the growth, development, and learning styles of children.
3. Discover personal talents and ministry preferences through exposure to various approaches of children and family ministry and through personal participation in traveling children's ministry teams and cross-cultural adventures.

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MAJOR STUDIES 57 Hours

BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
 CFM 2113 Leadership of Children and Family Ministry
 CFM 3113 Bridging Between Children and Youth
 CFM 4113 Contemporary Issues in Children and Families
 CMN 2313 Pastoral Counseling
 CMN 3113 Ministry of Teaching
 CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
 CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
 CMN 4113 Family Ministry
 COM 3113 The Church and Media
 PMN 3363 Biblical Preaching Laboratory
 REL 3113 Christianity in the Ancient and Middle Ages - or -
 REL 3123 Christianity from the Reformation to the Postmodern Era
 SOC 2253 Marriage and Family Relationships
6 hours from
BIB/CCM/CED/CMN/COU/CPRI/GRK/HEB/REL/THE/YSM

Internship: 12 hours

The following courses each include a requirement of ministry involvement:

CFM 2123 Spiritual Formation of Children
 CFM 2133 Creative Methods for Communicating to Children
 CFM 4123 Reaching Children in Unique Contexts
 PMN 4413 Principles and Practices of Pastoral Ministries

GENERAL ELECTIVES 12 Hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 126 Hours

4. Develop creative programming and deliver biblical truths in a wide variety of settings, through a wide variety of teaching methods and presentation techniques.
5. Create specific ministries aimed at bridging between children and youth ministries and helping upper elementary children and their parents positively transition to the teenage years.
6. Administer pastoral care and advocacy to and for children and families affected by a variety of current societal issues and special needs.
7. Create and direct family ministries that include: help and resources for parents to utilize in the discipleship of their children; opportunities for family members to minister together; and intergenerational efforts for facilitating community.
8. Direct an entire children and family ministry program, including the recruitment, development, and management of staff.

Additional Program Stipulations

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. Veterans with at least 6 months of service may apply for and receive 4 hours of credit for physical education. Contact the Registrar's Office.