

Children and Family Ministries

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication

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

HIS 1113 American History I

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 will:

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.
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

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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 3173 The Church and Media
- CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
- CMN 4113 Family Ministry
- 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/CED/CMN/COU/CPR/GRK/HEB/ICS/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

- 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.