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
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.