The Liberal Studies Child Development major is designed to help men and women interpret and integrate the ever-growing body of knowledge about children and their environments and determine implications and applications of that information. The major provides a holistic approach to the study of children birth to eighteen. When students take the core courses they will be oriented to basic principles, theories, and practices of child development. After completing the core classes students select courses in an emphasis and specialization area that provide greater depth and/or breadth in related topics. The emphasis and specialization areas can be designed to provide opportunities for career preparation. Students completing the degree requirements earn a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Liberal Studies/Child Development or Liberal Studies/Elementary Education.

Related Job Titles

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- After School Program Leader
- Adolescent Activity Specialist
- Child Abuse Prevention Worker
- Child Advocate
- Child Care Consultant
- Children’s Center Director
- Children’s Music Specialist
- Curriculum Specialist
- Director of Child/Family Services
- Family or Child Advocate
- Family Resource Specialist
- Home Health Aid
- Infant/Toddler Intervention Workers
- Licensing Representative
- Nanny
- Parent Educator
- Peace Corp./Americorp Volunteer
- Preschool Teacher or Director
- Public Policy Analyst
- Public Policy Advocate
- Recreation Leader
- Researcher
- Resource and Referral Provider
- Social Service Provider
- Special Education Teacher
- Teacher’s Aid
- Youth Counselor
- Youth Services Coordinator

Possible Employers

**Private:**
- Day Care Centers
- Preschools
- Outdoor Recreation
- Sportsman’s Clubs & Orgs.
- Private Schools
- Summer Camps
- Environmental Education Programs
- Pharmaceutical Companies
- Independent Labs
- Biological Supply & Equip. Houses

**Federal Agencies:**
- Administration for Children and Families
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Education Resource Center
- Health Services Resources Admin.
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Office for Civil Rights
- Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
- Smithsonian Institute
- Public Health Service
- Veteran’s Administration

**State, County & Local Agencies:**
- Welfare Department
- Child Care Facilities
- Public Schools
- Mental Health Clinics
- Health Services Department
- Youth Authority
- Museums
- Libraries
- Welfare Departments
- YMCA
- Big Brother/Big Sister
- Salvation Army
- Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Scouts
- Juvenile Justice Services
A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the **Top Skills** employers are looking for. According to the **National Association of Colleges and Employers**, those skills and abilities are:

- Effective communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

** Marketable Skills In Your Major**

**Teaching/Counseling**
- Training and encouraging students
- Client professionalism
- Planning and executing curriculum

**Child Development/Management**
- Planning appropriate activities
- Assessing individual needs
- Classroom management

**Communication**
- Reading and Summarizing
- Speaking to groups
- Working in a team structure

**Teamwork**
- Co-planning
- Contributing Ideas
- Cooperative communication

**Academic and Career Advising Center Services**

**Drop-In hours**: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm: Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

- Job Search Basics
- Basic DARS Review
- Quick Resume Review
- Declaring a Major/Major Change
- Adding a Minor
- Navigating HSU Handshake
- How to Use DARS Degree Planner
- Cover Letter Review

**Academic and Career Advisors** *(Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)*
Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

- Academic Planning
- Full-time Job Search
- DARS Questions
- 4-Year Plans
- Major Change Advising
- GE Information
- Internship Search
- Federal Work Study
- Mock Interview
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Career Assessment
- Adding a Second Major
- Graduate School Application
- How to use DARS Degree Planner
- Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
- Personal Statement

**HSU Handshake** *(online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.*

**Events and Workshops** *(Contact us for more information!)*

- Part-time Job Fair - August
- Graduate and Professional School Fair - September
- Internship Week - February
- Career & Volunteer Expo - February
- Ready, Set, Register! Semester Bulletin - Fall/ Spring
- Educator Fair - March
- How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - March
- How to Find an Internship Workshop - On-Going
- Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - On-going
- Research Graduate Schools Workshop - February
- Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - February
- How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - Spring

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?
- Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.