

# **Student Outcomes Assessment Plan (SOAP) 2006-2010**

## **Bachelor of Science in Child Development**

### **Mission**

It is the mission of the Child Development Program to prepare graduates who have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to work to improve the quality of life for all children through education, research, and service.

### **Goal 1: Knowledge**

To prepare graduates to be knowledgeable about child development through the study of multiple theoretical perspectives and cultural contexts.

Outcomes: Graduates will be able to:

- 1.1 Compare and contrast major theoretical perspectives on the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of children.
- 1.2 Analyze the strengths and limitations of each of the major theoretical perspectives.
- 1.3 Use and combine theoretical approaches to explain complex phenomena.
- 1.4 Explain the influence of culture on development.

### **GOAL 2: Skills and Application**

To prepare graduates who can contribute to the quality of life for children through effective application of cognitive, technical, and interpersonal skills.

Outcomes: Graduates will be able to:

- 2.1 Apply critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, and self-reflection skills.
- 2.2 Interpret, effectively demonstrate, and communicate knowledge and principles associated with child development.
- 2.3 Locate, investigate, organize, analyze, cite, and effectively present data and other information in oral, written, and technology-based formats.
- 2.4 Utilize child study methods to increase understanding of child behavior and development.
- 2.5 Apply theories and engage in practices that foster healthy child development in the home, school, workplace, and community.
- 2.6 Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for professional success including those for seeking and retaining employment

### **GOAL 3: Dispositions**

To prepare graduates who have examined themselves in relation to their values, beliefs, expectations, capabilities, needs and professional interests.

Outcomes: Graduates will:

- 3.1 Examine their own beliefs and behaviors in light of multiple perspectives
- 3.2 Evaluate core values and ethics embraced by the child development field in light of their own values and ethics
- 3.3 Practice civic engagement through community and professional service.