

**Child, Family and Consumer Sciences Department**  
**Outcomes Assessment**  
**Mission, Goals and Outcomes**  
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**MISSION**

The Department of Child, Family and Consumer Sciences is dedicated to improving the quality of life through education, research, and public service in the areas of child, family and consumer sciences.

**Goal 1: Knowledge**

It is the goal of the CFCS Department to produce graduates who are knowledgeable in the principles and practices of a chosen specialization the CFCS professions that promote quality of life.

Outcomes: Upon graduation, Child Development majors will be able to:

- 1.1 Identify and discuss specific principles and theories underlying the child development field.
- 1.2 Explain the meaning and describe the major components of developmentally appropriate practice as delineated by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- 1.3 Identify core values associated with the field of child development/early childhood education.

**Goal 2: Skills and Application**

It is the goal of the CFCS Department to produce graduates who can contribute to the betterment of society through the application of specific cognitive, technical, and interpersonal skills in a chosen specialization in the CFCS professions.

Outcomes Upon graduation, Child Development majors will be able to:

- 2.1 Apply critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.
- 2.2 Interpret, effectively communicate, and apply knowledge and principles associated with the child development field.
- 2.3 Locate, investigate, organize, analyze, and convincingly present data through preparation of computer-generated and oral presentations.
- 2.4 Demonstrate skills in observing, recording, and interpreting child behavior.
- 2.5 Explain and employ authentic assessment and portfolio development techniques in areas of children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth and development.
- 2.6 Demonstrate skills necessary for professional success including those for seeking and keeping employment.

**Goal 3A: Values**

It is the goal of the CFCS Department to produce graduates who value the family as the foundation of society in all their many developmental stages, contexts, configurations, and variations. Further, it is this department's goal to develop in students the personal and professional strength, conviction and determination to work to improve the human condition by strengthening families.

**Goal 3B: Values**

It is the goal of the CFCS Department to produce graduates who embrace a holistic, integrative approach to the study of factors related to the well being of individuals, families and communities.

**Outcomes**

Upon graduation, Child Development majors will be able to:

- 3.1 Recognize and appreciate diversity in backgrounds, value systems and cultural/personal orientations.
- 3.2 Contribute to their communities through voluntary service and service learning.
- 3.3 Participate in professional and service organizations.
- 3.4 Formulate and articulate a set of core values relative to the field of child development/early childhood education.
- 3.5 Adopt and adhere to a code of professional ethics.