Human Development and Community Engagement

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The Human Development and Community Engagement program prepares students to influence the programs, policies, and practices of schools, agencies, and governmental bodies. Graduates with this major will be prepared for careers in non-profit organizations, child-care, after school programming, disability services, or work in other fields that require the application and understanding of human development. This program provides the training needed to understand factors that impede or facilitate the cognitive, social, and physical development of children, particularly in urban communities.

This program includes coursework in child development, intercultural communication, research and program evaluation methods, organizational development, urban education, and leadership. The HDCE major nurtures future professionals who are committed to serving their community. A unique feature of the major is the opportunity for undergraduate students to gain practical, hands-on experience through a year-long practicum and internship at a local community organization.

Programs


There are three optional concentrations within this program that students can choose:

- Childhood Mental Health
- Community-Based Education
- Non-Profit Organization and Advocacy