Children's Ministry // MAJOR MAP Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science



	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	CAREER
Grow ACADEMICALLY	Familiarize yourself with your department by getting to know the professors and other students within your major. Investigate introductory courses like BIB 1013 Old Testament History, BIB 1023 New Testament History, and CHR Introduction to Disciple-making/Evangelism.	Explore career goals with your advisor and declare a minor. Engage in the Redford CORE Curriculum such as THE 3773 Christian Heritage, CED 2033 Principles of Teaching and BIB 2093 Methods of Biblical Interpretation. Begin serving in a local church to gain experience towards your vocational goals.	Engage in Christian Ministry CORE CED 2003 Introduction to Christian Education, and PSY 3053 Child Development through Adolescence. Engage more in your department by working on classes within your major and minor.	CED 4983 Apprenticeship in Christian Education allows you to follow a minister in your major. This, along with your other major classes, will prepare you for your desired career path upon graduation.	POSSIBILITIES Children's Minister Youth Minister Campus Pastor Missionary Church Administrator Multisite Director
Pursue SERVANT LEADERSHIP	Participate in student organizations and professional associations like The Baptist Association of Christian Educators (BACE). Engage in Chapel services and explore other Community Life + Worship opportunities.	Demonstrate servant-leadership by participating in Ministerial Education Days, Revival Teams, and BACE.	Take more responsibility in your extra-curricular activities. Consider leading a Center for Global Connections mission team or pursuing a leadership role within your student organization or professional association.	Consider which local churches could use an intern or help with a children's camp.	Children's Associate Childcare Manager Nursery Staff Coordinator
Embrace OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY	Visit SBU's Center for Global Connections (CGC) to learn about global service opportunities. Engage in childrens ministry opportunities through a local church or benevolence ministry.	Explore another culture or improve your language skills by taking a class or being involved with the CGC. Are you interested in studying abroad? Ask your advisor or Career Services about study abroad opportunities.	After you have served on a CGC team, consider leading the next one.	Assess what opportunities, locally and globally, are available upon graduation.	
Plan for YOUR FUTURE	Discuss your career interests with an advisor and research job options so that your goals can direct your class and internship selection. Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook to discover information and job projections.	Schedule an appointment with Career Services for information on building your résumé and cover letter. Begin exploring options you have for an internship by attending a local church and building your career network.	Explore graduate schools if you want to continue your education. You can take dual-listed courses that will count at the undergraduate and graduate levels.	Identify and ask individuals if they will write you letters of reference/recommendation. Finalize your résumé and cover letter. Plan a time to meet with the Career Services Director to practice a mock interview.	