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Vocational School of Health Services

Child Development

The need for child development professionals who contribute to the healthy development of society is increasing every day. The Child Development Program at Tarsus University aims to graduate qualified child development professionals who have a strong command of current approaches, possess comprehensive knowledge of developmental processes, continuously improve themselves, serve as positive role models by showing children love and care, and demonstrate professional sensitivity with an awareness that they are working with individuals in the purest and most receptive stage of human life. Our graduates can find employment in both the public and private sectors, including special education institutions, preschool education institutions, daycare centers, and nurseries. They may also continue their education in a related bachelor's degree program through the Vertical Transfer Examination. With our curriculum designed to support professional and personal development and regularly updated in line with emerging innovations, as well as our experienced, young, dynamic, and dedicated academic staff, we welcome you to our Child Development Program, which aims to add value first to children, and then to families and society.



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Head of Program

Program Overview

The Department of Child Development trains child development professionals who support the cognitive, language, social-emotional, and motor development, as well as the self-care skills, of children aged 0–18. These children may be typically developing, have special needs, require protection, or come from disadvantaged backgrounds. In today's world, the needs of children and families are increasing and becoming increasingly diverse. Accordingly, the demand for well-qualified child development professionals is also growing. As the Department of Child Development, our aim is to educate creative, communicative, and open-minded professionals who possess the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required in their field and who are fully aware of the invaluable importance of their profession. The curriculum consists of core theoretical courses in the field of Child Development, including Child Development, Special Education in Early Childhood, Child Observation and Assessment, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, Child Psychology and Mental Health, Family Education and Participation, Children and Play, Drama, and Children's Literature, as well as practical courses carried out in educational institutions.

In addition to these core courses, students may take professional elective courses in line with their interests and abilities. These courses are carefully designed to support their professional and personal development in current areas needed by the field. Through university-wide elective courses, students may also acquire skills required in today's professional world, such as entrepreneurship, effective speaking, communication, and project management.

After successfully completing the required 120 ECTS credits and becoming eligible for graduation, our graduates may work as assistant educators in public and private educational institutions, daycare centers, nurseries, and special education institutions. They may also continue their education in bachelor's degree programs in Preschool Education or Child Development by taking the Vertical Transfer Examination.

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Duration
2 Years

Score Type
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Quota
27

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