2025-2026 Child Life Science Major 1

**Total Hours** 

## **CHILD LIFE SCIENCE MAJOR**

Department: Family and Consumer Sciences (https://catalog.bradley.edu/undergraduate/education-health-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/)

The Child Life Science (CLS) major provides you the coursework required to become a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS). Child Life Specialists are an integral part of the interdisciplinary pediatric healthcare team. You'll help children and families navigate and cope with all aspects of pediatric healthcare to help them feel safe and supported. Child Life Specialists often use play-based or self-expression strategies, education, or emotional support for children and parents. CCLSs can also work in non-clinical settings, such as schools, family intervention services, private clinics, funeral homes, rehabilitation clinics, and the court system.

## **Major Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
Family and Consumer Sciences Core		
FCS 100	Family Dynamics	3.0
FCS 101	Strategies for Life	1.0
FCS 200	Introduction to Research Methods	3.0
FCS 442	Problems in FCS	2.0
Additional Required FCS Courses		
FCS 220	Consumer Issues in Health Care	3.0
FCS 340	Parent Education	3.0
FCS 342	Child Development in the Family	3.0
FCS 350	Matters of Life and Death	3.0
FCS 450	Foundations Play	3.0
or FCS 550	Foundations Play	
FCS 451	Child Life Profession	3.0
Required Supporting Courses		
EDU 210	Human Development from Birth to Young Adulthood	3.0
or PSY 350	Developmental Psychology	
BIO 111	Introduction to Cell Biology	3.0
BIO 230	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture)	3.0
BIO 232	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture)	3.0
Select one of the following: 3.0		
EDU 280	Exploring Diversity: Learners, Families, And Communities	
FCS 204	Family Programs Across the Life Span	
SOC 311	Families in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
S W 310	Child Welfare I	
NUR 391	Medical Terminology	1.0
<b>Research Course</b>		
Select one of the	following:	3.0-4.0
FCS 200	Introduction to Research Methods	
KHS 310	Statistical Procedures in Health Sciences	
NUR 303	Research in Nursing	
PSY 206	Research Methods in Psychology	
SOC 240	Research Methods	
S W 260	Research Methods	
Required Professional Work Experience (160 contact hours required)		

EHS 301 Cooperative Education Or Internship in EHS 0.0-2.0

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