

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NOTICE
Nova Southeastern University
Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice

This is a **NON-CERTIFICATION** Track Degree Program

Non-certification track degrees (“Programs”) or concentrations are not designed for state certification or licensure. These programs do not qualify as *professional licensure* or state-approved/certification preparation programs*. Furthermore, they are not designed to meet requirements for certificate add-ons, upgrades, endorsements, or employment incentives.

B.S. IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (Early Child Development concentration): Students completing courses in the Early Child Development concentration will have met the required coursework to satisfy the training component necessary to apply for the Child Development Associate (**CDA**) Credential. Visit the **Council for Professional Recognition** website for additional information on the credentialing of early childhood educators: <https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/>

Upon successful completion of the Early Child Development concentration, students will have fulfilled the 120 hours of child development training required to apply for the Child Development Associate Credential.
<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/5-steps-to-obtain-a-cda-credential/>

B.S. IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (Leadership and Administration concentration): If a student successfully completes the Program, the Student will have satisfied the educational requirements for the **Florida Director Credential**. The Florida Director Credential is *not a State license or certification*. Visit the Florida Department of Children and Families webpage for information about the Director Credential: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/childcaretraining/credentials/director-credential>

B.S. IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (Child Life concentration): Students completing the Child Life concentration may satisfy the course requirements set forth by the **Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP)**: <https://www.childlife.org/certification>
However, the concentration does not directly lead to the **Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS)** certification upon graduation.

Students seeking CLS certification must complete a minimum of five courses (15 credit hours) to a maximum of seven courses (21 credit hours) in the Child Life concentration. Students may apply for the CCLS Certification through the ACLP upon successful completion of the Program.

If you have any questions regarding the program/concentrations, please contact Dr. Lisa Carbone at fischlerinfo@nova.edu or Dr. Tara Sheehan at tarashee@nova.edu for assistance.

Students are encouraged to review the Nova Southeastern University (NSU) **Undergraduate Student Catalog** for program-specific policies and procedures. The catalog serves as the governing document for all university-related information. Additionally, students are bound by the rules and procedures outlined in NSU’s **Student Handbook** and should be familiar with its contents.

Catalogs and Student Handbook: <https://education.nova.edu/students/current-students/studentcataloghandbook.html>

*Per 34 C.F.R. § 668.43, the Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice (FCE&SCJ) defines a **Professional Licensure Program** as an academic program designed, marketed, and/or advertised to fulfill the educational prerequisites for a particular state license or certificate for employment.*