

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Purpose

A clear understanding of Scripture, combined with the ability to creatively and effectively communicate truth to individuals of all ages, is the primary focus of the Department of Education. As individuals study and meditate upon God's Word, the arts and sciences should be mastered so that students develop a Biblical appreciation and response to our culture and the world at large. In order to fulfill these objectives, the Department of Education has established three areas of primary concentration: spiritual, intellectual, and professional growth.

Spiritual: Essential to each program within the department is the focus on Biblical instruction combined with practical application. A biblical worldview is further strengthened as students are required to integrate Scripture across a wide range of academic subject areas. Academic instruction as well as interaction with the Body of Christ creates an atmosphere where spiritual growth is developed and strengthened within the context of Christian devotion and unity.

Intellectual: Critical thinking skills that include knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation is emphasized throughout the academic as well as practical experience components within each departmental program. Students are required to process information obtained from coursework and/or personal research at a variety of cognitive levels. This allows students to draw and expand upon a strong, diversified knowledge base with regards to their particular areas of study. The implementation of a wide range of teaching methodologies, as well as an awareness of the developmental stages of individuals, are also key elements within each program of study.

Professional: Genuine love for others, combined with a servant's heart, was demonstrated through the perfect example of Jesus Christ. Faculty and staff within each departmental program are responsible for providing learning environments where diversity is respected, ethical conduct is exhibited, and moral principles are upheld. Likewise, students are expected to display these professional qualities as they interact with the College family, community, and other educational settings. Opportunities for professional faculty and student development are encouraged through academic conferences, field trips, and small group mentoring.

Department of Education Programs

Church Education Program

The Church Education Program is a four-year program which gives the student a broad introduction into ministry in a local church or parachurch organization. It is designed to prepare some students to go directly from college into church or parachurch educational ministries; and for other students, it provides a solid undergraduate basis for graduate studies. The student receives a major in Bible and Theology with an area of concentration from one of the following minors: Counseling Ministries, Children's Ministries, or Youth Ministries. Each minor focuses on specific ministry needs and/or age group.

Successful completion of Church Education Program results in a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology. The minimum course requirements and required semester hours are listed with the individual minors on the following pages.

Evangelical Training Association

In addition to the Bachelor of Arts Degree, graduates of the Church Education Program are eligible to receive the Christian Education Diploma certifying that they have met standards set by the Evangelical Training Association (24 semester hours) as preparation for vocational Christian Education. Graduates may qualify to receive the ETA Teacher's Diploma upon completion of 14 hours of specified required courses as directed and approved by the Church Education Supervisor.

Children's Ministries Minor

Students in the Church Education program may choose to add the Children's Ministries minor to their coursework. This minor will prepare the student for ministry to children from birth to sixth grade. The Children's Ministries courses focus on the biblical principles, methodology, and effective implementation of successful ministries to children in a local church. Successful completion of this 132-hour program results in a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Bible and Theology and a minor in Children's Ministries. This area of study is comprised of the following coursework:

Biblical Studies		40 hours
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
Bible Electives	6 hours	
Arts and Sciences		43 hours
Arts and Sciences Core	36 hours	
PSY2232 Human Growth/Dev	3 hours	
APOL2130 Intro to Apologetics	3 hours	
Phys Ed Elective	1 hour	
Children's Ministries Courses		18 hours
Church Education		16 hours
CHED1220 Intro to Church Ed	2 hours	
ELED3130 Educational Psychology	3 hours	
CHED3130 Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
CHED4120 Marriage and the Family	2 hours	
CHED4520 Prin/Prac of Discipling	2 hours	
CHED4521 Group Dynamics	2 hours	
CHED4720 Bib Principles of Leadership	2 hours	
Open Electives		<u>15 hours</u>
Total		132 hours

Counseling Ministries Minor

Students in the Church Education Program may choose the Counseling Ministries Minor. This minor is designed to biblically prepare students for graduate studies in counseling, psychology, or related fields. Through a combination of Bible/Theology courses, Arts and Sciences courses, Counseling courses, as well as some skill-based courses, students are exposed to a holistic concept of Bible-based counseling. The importance of the spiritual and emotional health of the student is emphasized through Counseling courses, as well as requiring the student to enter personal counseling sessions for himself/herself as a practicum requirement.

In order to be accepted for the Counseling Ministries Minor, the student, after the completion of 60 semester hours, must request an interview with the Counseling Advisor. As part of the interview process, the student must take (at his/her own expense) a Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI). The results will be made available to the Counseling Ministries Advisor before a decision is made to accept the student into the Counseling Ministries Minor.

Successful completion of this 129-hour program results in a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Bible and Theology and a minor in Counseling Ministries. This area of study is comprised of the following coursework:

Biblical Studies		38 hours
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
ICM4122 Cultural Anthropology	2 hours	
BIB2220 I Corinthians	2 hours	
Arts and Sciences		44 hours
Arts and Sciences Core	36 hours	
SCI1230 Biology II	3 hours	
PSY4421 Abnormal Psychology	2 hours	
PSY2232 Human Growth & Development	3 hours	
Church Education		15 hours
CHED1220 Intro to Church Ed	2 hours	
ELED3130 Educational Psychology	3 hours	
CHED3520 Adult Dev/Ministry	2 hours	
CHED4120 Marriage & Family	2 hours	
CHED4520 Prin/Prac of Discipling	2 hours	
CHED4521 Group Dynamics	2 hours	
CHED4720 Bib Prin of Leadership	2 hours	
Counseling Ministries Courses		23 hours
Open Electives		<u>9 hours</u>
Total		129 hours

Youth Ministries Minor

Students in the Church Education program may choose to add the Youth Ministries minor to their coursework. This concentration is designed to lay the foundation for successful long-term ministries with junior and senior high school students. Through two practicum and several academic courses, students choosing this minor will learn how to program and implement a cutting edge youth ministry. Successful completion of this 132-hour program results in a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Bible and Theology and a minor in Youth Ministries. This area of study is comprised of the following coursework:

Biblical Studies		40 hours
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
Bible Electives	6 hours	
Arts and Sciences		43 hours
Arts and Sciences Core	36 hours	
PSY2232 Human Growth/Dev	3 hours	
APOL2130 Intro to Apologetics	3 hours	
Physical Education Elective	1 hour	
Youth Ministries Courses		18 hours
Church Education		16 hours
CHED1220 Intro to Church Ed	2 hours	
ELED3130 Educational Psy	3 hours	
CHED4520 Prin/Prac of Discipling	2 hours	
CHED3130 Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
CHED4120 Marriage and the Fam	2 hours	
CHED 4521 Group Dynamics	2 hours	
CHED 4521 Bib Prin of Leadership	2 hours	
Open Electives		<u>15 hours</u>
Total		132 hours

Elementary Education Program

The Elementary Education Program is a 137-hour program designed to train elementary classroom teachers for a variety of educational settings. Academic coursework, as well as practical field experiences, are combined so that students are prepared to teach K-8 subject areas with an understanding of the age level characteristics for each group. Students must also develop a written Christian philosophy of education as part of the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) certification requirements. SEBC students who successfully complete the Elementary Education Program will graduate with a double major in Bible/Theology and Elementary Education. They will also receive their initial teaching certificate in elementary education (K-8) from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). Students who graduate from our Elementary Education Program may pursue initial teacher certification with the State of Alabama by successfully completing a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from an out-of-state college or university that is state approved or NCATE approved. SEBC currently has a graduate school articulation agreement with the Columbia International University in Columbia, South Carolina. (*Contact the SEBC Admissions Office for graduate school program description and entrance requirements*). In addition, students pursuing Alabama state certification must also meet all Alabama State Department testing and background requirements.

A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible/Theology and Elementary Education will be conferred upon all those who complete the Elementary Education Program consisting of the following coursework:

Bible and Theology		34 hours
Core Curriculum	32 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
Arts and Sciences		52 hours
Arts/Sciences Core (minus Philosophy)	33 hours	
SCI1130 Biology 1	3 hours	
SCI1230 Biology 2	3 hours	
SCI3230 Physical Science 2	3 hours	
MTH1231 College Math	3 hours	
MTH2231 Geometry	3 hours	
PSY2232 Human Growth/Dev	3 hours	
Health & Physical Ed elective	1 hour	
Education		51 hours
All Elementary Education Courses	46 hours	
CHED2120 Technology and Learning	2 hours	
CHED3130 Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
Total		137 hours

Music Education Program

The Music Education Program is a four-year program designed to provide both worship leaders and music educators with basic training for their respective areas, including academic coursework, applied musical training, and practical field experiences. The Music Program is comprised of two minors: Worship Leadership and Music Education in the Christian School.

Successful completion of this program results in a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Bible and Theology and a minor in Worship Leadership or Music Education in the Christian School. The areas of study are comprised of the following coursework:

Worship Leadership Minor

Students in the Church Education Program may choose the Worship Leadership minor. This minor equips students to lead worship in a variety of settings, particularly in the contemporary and blended styles, within the church and parachurch organizations. It includes both practical and philosophical approaches to music and worship ministry in order to offer students a more comprehensive understanding of the role music plays in worship both within the church and in the world. Successful completion of this 128-hour program results in a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology with a minor in Worship Leadership. This area of study is comprised of the following coursework:

Biblical Studies		34 hours
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
Arts and Sciences		40 hours
Arts and Sciences Core (excluding Music elective)	34 hours	
PSY2232 Human Growth/Dev	3 hours	
APOL2130 Intro to Apologetics	3 hours	
Worship Leadership Courses		22 hours
Church Education		18 hours
CHED1220 Intro to Church Ed	2 hours	
MUSI3520 Music for Children and Youth	3 hours	
CHED3130 Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
CHED3520 Adult Dev/Ministry	2 hours	
CHED4120 Marriage & Family	2 hours	
CHED4520 Prin/Prac of Discipling	2 hours	
CHED4521 Group Dynamics	2 hours	
CHED4720 Bib Prin of Leadership	2 hours	
Open Electives		<u>14 hours</u>
Total		128 hours

Music Ed in the Christian School Minor

Students in the Church Education Program may choose the Music Education in the Christian School Minor. This minor is designed to prepare students to teach K-12 music courses and K-6 Bible courses in the Christian school with an understanding of the age level characteristics for each group. Students particularly learn the benefits of teaching music with excellence in the Christian School, including the value of training worshippers and potential worship leaders. Students must also develop a written Christian Philosophy of Education as part of the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) certification requirements. Successful completion of this 136-hour program results in a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology with a minor in Music Education in the Christian School Minor. This area of study is comprised of the following coursework:

Biblical Studies		34 hours
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	

ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
Arts and Sciences		40 hours
Arts and Sciences Core (excluding Music elective)	34 hours	
PSY2232 Human Growth/Dev	3 hours	
APOL2130 Intro to Apologetics	3 hours	
Worship Leadership Courses		21 hours
Church Education		20 hours
CHED1220 Intro to Church Ed	2 hours	
MUSI3520 Music for Children and Youth	3 hours	
CHED3130 Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
CHED3520 Adult Dev/Ministry	2 hours	
CHED4120 Marriage & Family	2 hours	
CHED4520 Prin/Prac of Discipling	2 hours	
CHED4521 Group Dynamics	2 hours	
CHED4720 Bib Prin of Leadership	2 hours	
CHED2120 Tech. and Learning	2 hours	
Other Education		<u>21 hours</u>
<i>(optional 12 hours of student teaching not included)</i>		
Total		136 hours