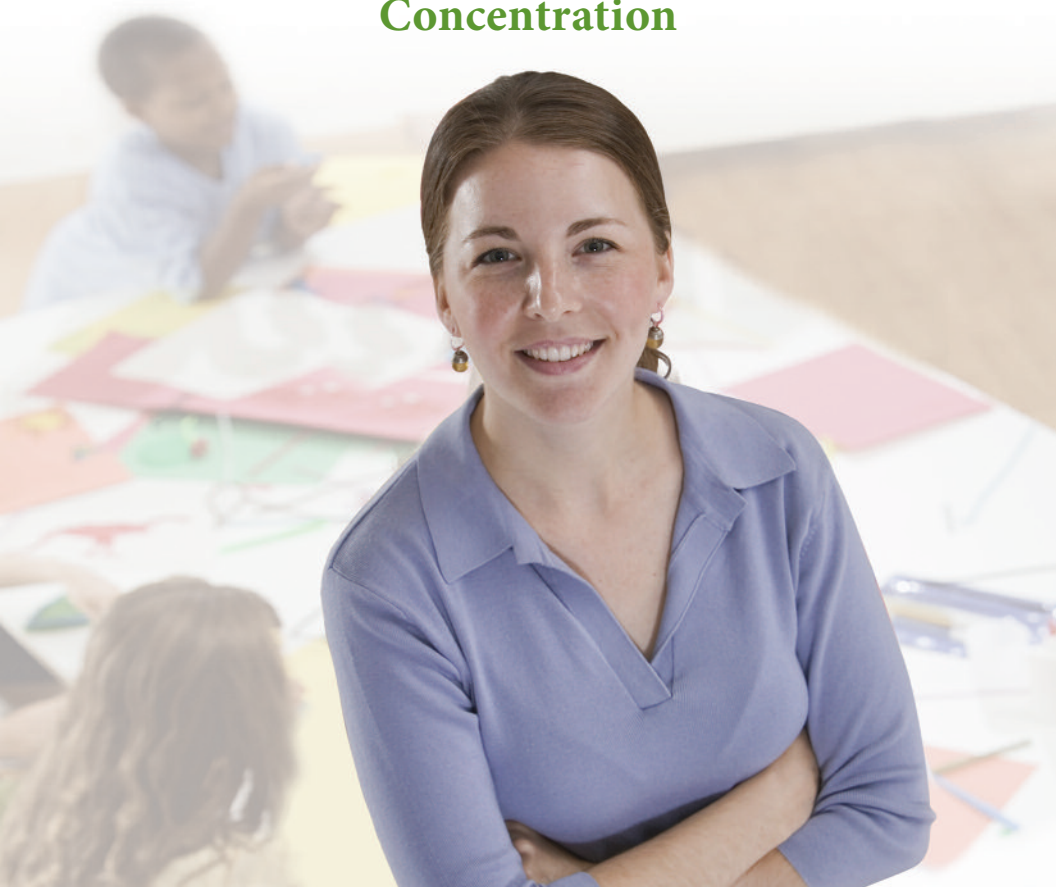


A DEGREE AS UNIQUE AS YOU ARE



The Child and Youth Development Concentration



**Flexible and economical solutions for
bachelor's degree completion**

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The online bachelor's degree completion program for After School and Youth Work professionals allows you to pursue your advanced education goals while continuing to respond to the unique needs of the children and youth you serve.



If you seek opportunity for career advancement, consider the online Child and Youth Development concentration offered by Charter Oak State College. The concentration has been created in collaboration with local and national experts including the National Institute on Out-Of-School Time, Newroads Consulting Partners, the Connecticut After School Network, Connecticut Charts-A-Course and the Youth Development Training and Resource Center.

The concentration, which builds on the core courses of Charter Oak's prestigious Credential in After School Education, will enable you to explore areas that best support your plans for professional success. You'll gain solid insight into

- the application of child and youth development concepts to the design of a learning environment.
- the history of the youth program movement.
- the application of learning theory to program development.
- how to develop a safe learning environment.
- the need to intentionally involve children and youth in the program development process.
- the application of management principles to the operation of youth programs.
- the role of diversity and the development of relationships with child/youth, family, school and community.
- how to recognize and assist families in crisis.
- the impact of technology on today's youth and how to demonstrate technology literacy.

The Child and Youth Concentration Core Courses (36 Credits)

ASE 215 Positive Guidance and Classroom Management

ASE 220 Principles of Positive Youth Development

ASE 255 Principles and Best Practices in After School and Youth Programs

ASE 260 Program Environment and Curriculum Development

ASE 265 Child and Adolescent Development

ASE 270 Supervision and Leadership in After School Programs

PSY 335 Psychology of the Exceptional Child

SOC 350 Children, School and Community

ASE 499 Capstone Project

ELECTIVES

Select 3 courses from the areas of Curriculum Development, Social and Behavioral Science, Program Management

Prerequisites:

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology



Our Distinguished Faculty

As a Charter Oak student, you'll reap the benefits of learning from a distinguished and dedicated faculty who hold teaching positions at other accredited colleges and universities and from prominent professionals with extensive experience in the development and implementation of after-school and youth programs. Each faculty member is an esteemed educator unhesitating in his or her desire to challenge, guide and inspire you to achieve your professional goals.

“There were so many improvements for our program that I obtained from both the course and the ideas shared by other students. I also appreciated that the instructors provided so much supplemental material in addition to the required text. Feedback was very beneficial.”

MP, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, '06

Degree Completion Credit Requirements

All Charter Oak students pursuing a bachelor's degree must

- complete 120 credits.
- include 36 concentration credits among the 120.
- satisfy General Education requirements.
- earn at least 60 credits in Liberal Arts.

Our Liberal Credit Transfer Policy

One of the many advantages we offer is a liberal acceptance of credits from a variety of sources including –

- online and classroom-based courses taken at regionally-accredited institutions – usually regardless of when earned.
- college-level examinations such as CLEP and DANTES.
- military training and occupations.
- portfolio assessment of life and work experience.
- corporate/agency training evaluated by ACE/PONSI.
- corporate/agency training and licenses and certifications evaluated by Charter Oak.



“I now have greater insight into how the environment can affect children in a program and how we can implement new procedures that will contribute to a safer and healthier environment for the children.”

AR, Public School System Paraprofessional, '06

“I value the new knowledge I’ve gained about ongoing activity planning. I’ve been able to continually provide my staff new activity ideas and information that have been instrumental in allowing our program to grow and flourish.”

TF, Youth Program Director, '07

“I have already begun applying what I’ve learned to my own program, and it has made a great deal of difference in how I relate to and deal with the children.”

PG, Title to come, '07



A College for YOUR Busy Life

Charter Oak is a Connecticut state college established in 1973 to help busy *adult* learners, like you, achieve their educational and career goals through time-flexible and economical degree completion programs. These programs, which allow you to conveniently plan your study schedule around commitments to job and family, have earned Charter Oak nationwide recognition as the college that offers 'degrees without boundaries.' Our institution is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.



“The course provided important information about standards and procedures that I’ll be able to productively incorporate into any program in which I’m involved. I’m sure the knowledge will be invaluable as I grow in my position and career.”

RG, Director and Head Teacher, '07

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