

Child Development and Learning



PROGRAMS OF STUDY: ♦ B.A. in Child Development and Learning
♦ B.A. in Child Development and Learning for Teacher Licensure (K-5)

Why study Child Development at Maryville College?

Do you want to work with children and adolescents? MC offers majors in child development and learning both with and without teacher licensure options.

You will build a strong foundation in the theory and practice of child development, from conception through adolescence. Various hands-on opportunities are embedded throughout the curriculum for you to provide direct service to children, engage in developmental research and advance child welfare initiatives and policy.

If you pursue the teacher licensure track, you will become a highly qualified teacher in elementary education (grades K-5) through the collaborative, supportive and stimulating learning experiences, including student teaching.



MARYVILLE COLLEGE WORKS is a comprehensive career preparation program that is integrated into the College's four-year liberal arts curriculum. Key components include assessment, advising, networking and professional experiences.

OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- ♦ Alcoa Schools
- ♦ Blount County Schools
- ♦ Boys and Girls Club
- ♦ Centro Hispano
- ♦ Cherokee Health Systems, University of Tennessee and Autism Society of America for the Autism Training Initiative
- ♦ Childrens Defense Fund Freedom Schools
- ♦ Clayton-Bradley Academy
- ♦ Emerald Youth Foundation
- ♦ Maryville City Schools
- ♦ Maryville City Schools Family Resource Center
- ♦ Harbours Gate
- ♦ Mane Support
- ♦ Mountain Challenge
- ♦ New Hope: Blount County Child Advocacy Center

MEET A STUDENT

Cheryl French '20

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.



Cheryl's desire to learn more about mental illness in adolescents motivated her to declare a major in child development and learning. She realized there was a link between adverse childhood experiences and potential mental health impacts.

"Oddly enough, realizing that link has led me down a sexual health track, and I have been focusing predominantly on sexual education and how it can impact individuals during

their most crucial periods of development," she said.

Cheryl received a grant from a nonprofit organization, Be Interactive, that is funding a six-session sex education course on the MC campus.

"I am excited to bridge the gap between my two passions of child development and human sexuality to provide a unique, interesting and very much needed course for MC students."

MEET A GRADUATE

Kai Wang '19

Currently: Pursuing a Master's of Education in Curriculum & Teaching with a Special Education Licensure track at Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Learning



Kai came to Maryville from Taiyuan, China, as a student of the College's Intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program. It laid a solid foundation for her undergraduate education at MC. Now working on her master's degree, she already has her sights set on a doctoral program.

"Maryville College provides such an inclusive and individualized learning environment for international students," she said. "Gaining support from my professors, the staff and my host parents prepared me to graduate with honors and to be a great educator in the future."

GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

- Arkansas State University
- Auburn University
- Carson-Newman University
- Mercer University
- Tennessee Technological University
- Tusculum College
- University of Illinois, Springfield
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Vanderbilt University

