Explore your passion for helping and teaching young children while advancing your career

Take advantage of a 30% tuition discount and the Rising Stars grant that reimburses early care teachers up to $5,000 per year

Enjoy the flexibility of an all-online program that meets the needs of working adults

Transfer up to 90 credits previously earned from an accredited two- or four-year college or university or earn credits for prior learning

Qualify for Level VI placement on the Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality Career Lattice

### why you belong here

What does it take for small children to be ready for school? It’s not just a matter of literacy and numbers skills. It’s also about developing the social and emotional skills required to form and maintain meaningful positive relationships with others.

If you have a desire to contribute to those achievements while furthering your own career, then we have a program for you. Chatham University’s Bachelor of Arts in Infant and Toddler Development Completion Degree (BAITD) offers you the knowledge, skills, and credentials you need to pursue your professional goals in a supportive and flexible learning atmosphere.

### what you can expect

As a student in Chatham’s BAITD, you’ll learn from specialists in early childhood and elementary curriculum, special education, development psychology, social work, infant mental health, early intervention, and early childhood assessment. Your instructors will be some of the most experienced, well-connected, and community-minded in the regional teacher education programs.

You’ll also have the opportunity to participate in on-site events, where you’ll learn from nationally recognized leaders in the fields of education and infant mental health and develop a support network with others in the program.

You can also save time and money by transferring credits from an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or by earning credit through your prior work experience. Our admissions counselors can also work with you to design a plan for earning additional credits, if need be.
Your core courses will consist of 55 credits in psychology and education, focusing on ways to improve childhood outcomes through high quality early care, including:

- Child Development
- General Psychology
- Games Children Play
- Early Childhood Curriculum
- English Language Learners
- Family Interactions
- Integrating the Arts
- Intervention
- Capstone

**what you will learn**

Upon successful completion of the BAITD, you’ll be able to demonstrate your familiarity with concepts, perspectives, and research related to family and infant toddler development; understand and apply knowledge of best practices in the early education field; demonstrate your skills in written and oral communication; and fine-tune your critical thinking abilities.

**where it will take you**

In addition to deepening your expertise in early childhood education, the BAITD works within the Big Ideas Framework Assessment, used to assess—and reward—professional development and certify individuals to progress in their fields. You’ll be qualified to work in environments including early intervention programs and Early Head Start programs. You could also choose to take your education and career even further with a certificate or master’s degree in fields such as early education, infant mental health, social work, counseling psychology, occupational therapy, or physical therapy.

**learn more**

For a full listing of courses, to review admission requirements, and to apply online, visit chatham.edu/itd.

“Early care educators have the opportunity to influence the architecture of developing brains, to promote healthy development, and to protect very young children against stress. Our infant toddler development program is designed to help these teachers achieve optimal impact in their crucial professional roles in building young, healthy brains.”

— Robert Gallen, Ph.D., program director

**take note**

- Chatham University also offers an 18-credit, three-term graduate certificate in infant mental health (IMH). This highly interactive online program uses relationship-based training that prepares you to promote optimal social and emotional development in infants and toddlers through high-quality relationships. The certificate program is open to degree- and non-degree seeking students, as well as to infant mental health professionals needing to satisfy continuing education requirements. Though classes are conducted entirely online, this program features events once per term that afford you the opportunity to interact with faculty and attend IMH events.