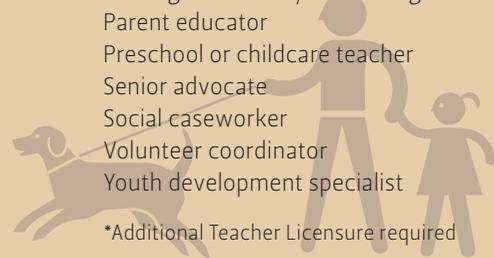


Few careers offer as many opportunities to directly and profoundly impact lives as one related to HDFs. With a degree in this profession, you will be ready for graduate study in HDFs, social work, counseling, or marriage and family therapy, or for a variety of careers including child welfare, counseling, education, social work, public administration and many others.

CAREER Options

- Adoption agency counselor
- Activity director
- Caseworker
- Childcare coordinator
- Crisis intervention worker
- Early childhood policy advocate
- Extension educator
- Elementary educator
- Elementary teacher*
- Emergency relief worker
- Family support worker
- Foster care caseworker
- Hospice worker
- Housing service coordinator
- International relief worker
- Marriage and family counseling
- Parent educator
- Preschool or childcare teacher
- Senior advocate
- Social caseworker
- Volunteer coordinator
- Youth development specialist

*Additional Teacher Licensure required



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HDFS Options

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Do you want to work directly with children of all ages and their families? Through classes and internships this option will teach you research-based strategies for supporting young children's development in early childhood settings, as well as programs that support families and youth. You also will develop a strong foundation for a career in early childhood programs or classrooms, as well as graduate work in education, special education, human development and family sciences, psychology, or other areas related to child development. With a double degree in human development and family sciences and education, you can earn dual licensure at the pre-kindergarten and elementary school levels.

HUMAN SERVICES

This nationally accredited option will prepare you for diverse entry-level careers in fields such as family social services, youth or aging programs, volunteer management and crisis services. You also will be prepared for graduate studies in human development and family sciences, counseling, marriage and family therapy, and social work. Coursework includes family relationships, human development across the lifespan, proposal writing, and human service foundations skills, ethics and administration. You may tailor elective courses to focus on particular issues or populations and will gain real-life experience through at least two supervised internships in human services agencies.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES, GENERAL

This general option enables you to take an interdisciplinary approach to families and human development across the lifespan within the contexts of school, work and communities. It will prepare you for careers in schools and in the helping professions, or will position you to pursue advanced academic degrees in a variety of fields. It offers tremendous flexibility and is especially beneficial if you also seek a related major such as ethnic studies, pre-nursing, psychology, sociology, Spanish or public health.

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CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGY

Gerontology is the study of adult development and aging. Because of an enormous worldwide increase in the older population, gerontology offers dynamic career opportunities. Students who earn a certificate in gerontology, a nationally recognized credential in the field, along with the human services option, are prepared for entry-level positions serving older individuals and their families in community-based agencies and long-term care facilities. They also are well positioned for further study in aging related fields.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

If you have an interest in research, you're in luck. URAP is designed for students across the college's many disciplines and will expose you both to bench research and the applied social sciences and possibly nationally known researchers at the Hallie E. Ford Center for Healthy Children and Families.

In addition, the college's nationally recognized Center for Healthy Aging Research offers opportunities as a LIFE Scholar, in which you work collaboratively with center faculty mentors and graduate students, participate in hands-on, engaging inquiry and create and share new knowledge related to the field of aging.

Engaging in these programs will allow you to apply coursework and build your resume to become more competitive in both the job market and for graduate school admissions.

GET INVOLVED

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