



COLLEGE OF
**EDUCATION AND
HUMAN SCIENCES**

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE: **CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**



OVERVIEW

Focus on helping children, families and vulnerable populations navigate family dynamics and social well-being with a degree option in Child and Family Services. Study people, their relationships and their impact on the world and prepare for career opportunities that encompass intervention, prevention and regulatory services. The program offers psychological theory and undergraduate research opportunities. With several degree specializations and 21 credits of customizable coursework, you can choose a personalized professional path leading to a career with non-profits, community organizations, family life education groups, child protective services, skilled nursing or assisted living facilities and child care programs. You can also use your study of people and relationships as a strong foundation for graduate and professional study in medicine, allied healthcare, law, counseling, research and social work.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Integrated internship experience empowers application of classroom knowledge to the “real-world” helping profession of your choice.
- 21 credits of customizable coursework provides flexibility to personalize the degree with prerequisites for pre-professional tracks to law, medicine and allied healthcare programs.
- 3+3 early admission to law school option allows completion of bachelor’s and a law degree in six years.
- Service-learning project allows you to advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities.

NOTABLE NUMBERS



21 credit hours of customizable coursework allows you to incorporate your individual career plans.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

“As a future physician, I believe a patient’s history, background and development is vital for success in holistic patient care. All of these factors tie back into the Child and Family Services program. Being able to work with and learn about a wide range of children and families and how every individual is unique has truly been an advantage. With my knowledge and understanding, now I am confident I can provide quality care to a wide range of individuals in need.”

- Alicia Johnson, Child and Family Services graduate

PEOPLE. PASSION. PURPOSE.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

(122 total credit hours)

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY

1

FALL

Composition I*
Humanities Course*
American History*
First Year Seminar
Introduction to Human Development and Family Science
Lifespan of Human Development

16 hrs.

SPRING

Composition II*
Math Course*
American Government*
Human Nutrition
Speech Communication*

16 hrs.

2

FALL

Statistics*
Human Sexuality and the Family
Relationship Development and Marriage
General Education Course
Science Course*

15 hrs.

SPRING

Developmental Disabilities
Professional Skills in Human Services
Humanities Course*
Controlled Electives (6 Hours)

15 hrs.

3

FALL

Technical Writing
Adolescent Development
Family Dynamics
Parenting
Controlled Elective (3 hours)

15 hrs.

SPRING

Infant and Child Development
Research Methods
Controlled Electives (9 hours)

15 hrs.

4

FALL

Successful Aging
Family Life Education
Policy, Law and Advocacy
Pre-Internship
Critical Issues in HDFS
Controlled Elective (3 hours)

16 hrs.

SPRING

Internship in Child and Family Services I
Internship in Child and Family Services II
Family Risk and Resilience
Family Resource Management
General Education Course*

14 hrs.

*Suggested for students seeking concurrent, dual credit or Advanced Placement (AP) course options to apply directly to this degree plan. Refer to the OSU Transfer Credit Guide and Credit By Exam Guide for specific course information online at okstate.edu.

RELATED MINORS AND CERTIFICATES

Pre-Counseling ○ Gerontology ○ Public Health ○ Law and Legal Studies ○ Social Justice

Minors are designed to enhance and complement a major field of study. They are not required, and additional courses may need to be added to the plan above.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT SERVICES

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