FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE - CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES

The Child Development and Family Studies program prepares students for employment and promotion in a variety of in-demand helping professions. Our highly trained faculty and instructors provide students with a flexible, student-focused, culturally informed learning environment. Students take a variety of courses focusing on development through the lifespan, applicable systems/ecological-focused theory, professional presentations, and writing.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Family Studies
- Child Development Family Studies Minor
- Child, Youth & Family Services Certificate

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Family Consumer Science, Child Development & Family Studies prepares students to work with children, adults and families in a variety of human services, educational, and community settings. With an emphasis on understanding human development and family-related issues, students can receive a Certified Family Life Educator credential and educational and leadership skills to pursue a graduate degree.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Human Development Skills
- Ethical Decision Making
- Cultural Competency
- Social Skills
- Professional Writing Skills
- Advocacy

CAREERS

- Early Childhood Teacher
- Assistant Teacher
- Support Staff Specialist
- Youth Coordinator
- Youth Counselor
- Family Service Specialist

EMPLOYERS

- YWCA/YMCA
- Cultivate Mankato
- Head Start Program
- New Horizon Academy
- Mayo Clinic
- Harry Meyering Center

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

95.4%

of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$55,000

The median annual wage for Education and Childcare Administrators in May 2022.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Education and Childcare Administrators, at link.mnsu.edu/fcs-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



ahn.mnsu.edu/fcs

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES, BS

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)	
FCS 100 Personal and Family Living (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	FCS 101 Introduction to Family Consumer Science (3) FCS 275 Consumers in the Economy (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)	
Elective Course in Major (3) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	FCS 303 Working With Families (3) Elective Course in Major (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)	
FCS 301 Lifespan Development (3) FCS 400 Culturally Diverse Family Systems (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Major (3)	HLTH 311 Family & Sex Education (3) FCS 401 Family Life Development (3) FCS 414W Family Policy and Ethics (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Major (2)	
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)	
FCS 482 Family Life Education (3) FCS 488 Parenting Education (3) General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (3)	General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (2)	

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