

Human Development and Family Studies

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Human Development and Family Studies



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
ONLINE

Overview

Through coursework and field experience focused on individual and family development across the lifespan, you will discover how people develop and change, and how family, community, and society affect human development. This program will prepare you for career opportunities in areas like:

- Early childhood services
- Adolescent intervention
- Programming for older adults
- Support for children and families in healthcare settings
- Community outreach

In addition to the core courses in the HDFS degree curriculum, you have five degree concentration choices. Concentrations are available in:

- Early childhood professions
- Leadership and entrepreneurial professions
- Pre-health professions
- Prevention and intervention sciences
- Human development and family studies

An optional [gerontology minor](#) can be added to further develop your understanding of the aging process, and give you a specialized set of skills needed for careers working with older adults and those with disabilities.

You can also choose to pursue [Director Qualifications](#) for early childhood as part of this degree program. In choosing this option, you will work with your advisor to select electives that help you meet state requirements and prepare you to seek early childhood education credentials upon completion of the coursework.

HDFS graduates are also strong candidates for application to become [Certified Family Life Educators](#), who focus on healthy family functioning within a family systems perspective. They utilize a primarily preventive approach to address societal issues within the context of family.

Regardless of which direction you choose, our human development program will equip you with skills in:

- Observation
- Program development and implementation
- Grant writing
- Social policy information
- Working with diverse populations

Delivery

Online

Credits

120 credits

Previous college credits can be transferred into the program

Tuition

\$476 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Varies based on intensity of study and previous coursework

Completion requirements

A minimum of 120 credits are required to complete this degree. This includes:

- 42 upper-division (300-400 level) credits
- 30 upper-division credits completed through Colorado State University

More info

online.colostate.edu/degrees/hdfs

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How to Apply

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Application Deadlines

Fall semester: **August 1**

Spring semester: **January 1**

Summer semester: **May 1**

1 Review Admission Requirements

- Previous college credit can be transferred into the online human development and family studies bachelor's degree, and minimum credits required can vary depending on previous coursework completed.
- 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.5 cumulative GPA preferred) from all coursework previously completed
- Satisfy [admission requirement in mathematics](#)
- High school graduation or equivalent

Students are held to the same [University admission standard](#) as applicants for on-campus degree programs.

2 Complete Online Application

Complete Colorado State University's [online undergraduate application](#) and pay the \$50 nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online).

- First-time Freshman: select the "Freshman" application, then choose Human Development and Family Studies as the program of study.
 - » After completing the application process, please contact an HDFS advisor at 970-491-4947 to ensure your application is for the online program.
- Transfer students: select "Human Development and Family Studies—online degree program" when choosing major.

Online applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. (Mountain Time) on the deadline date. If you miss the application deadline, you may still register for courses to begin your program of study as a non-degree student. Students seeking Federal financial aid must be admitted prior to enrolling.

3 Apply for Financial Aid

If you wish to apply for Federal financial aid, please complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#). Additional [financial aid information](#) is also available.

Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis and may take up to six weeks during high volume application periods.