Overview
By successfully completing this graduate certificate, you will gain specialized knowledge in prevention science, including prevention theory, evidence-based prevention strategies, prevention program planning and design, and program evaluation. You will also analyze and discuss various prevention programs that schools, families, and communities have implemented to address a wide range of societal challenges.

As a student in this program, you will learn to:
• Examine human developmental theory, methods, interventions, and standards of evidence in promoting well-being and preventing mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders
• Practice research-based prevention programs from a school-based and family-centered, developmentally appropriate perspective
• Explain in-depth concepts and strategies in prevention science to others
• Conduct prevention science program evaluation and analysis
• Select and implement sustainable, effective, and evidence-based prevention programs
• Build the knowledge to develop, implement, and evaluate programs that cultivate the mental, physical, and emotional health of people across the lifespan
• Learn how to ensure that human service and education agencies are implementing evidence-based strategies in their communities

Required Courses:
• HDFS 545 – Program Evaluation Methods and Statistics (3 cr.)
• HDFS 607 – Prevention Science Across the Lifespan (3 cr.)
• HDFS 608 – Program Planning and Implementation (3 cr.)
• HDFS 609 – Prevention Program Evaluation (3 cr.)

Note: This certificate may have courses in common with other graduate certificates. A student may earn more than one certificate, but a given course may be counted only in one certificate.
How to Apply
Prevention Program Planning - Graduate Certificate

Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **August 1**  
Spring semester: **January 1**  
Summer semester: **May 1**

Note: Applications submitted after the deadline may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

1 Review Admission Requirements
   - A bachelor’s degree in human development and family studies, psychology, social work, education, or a related field
   OR
   - A bachelor’s degree in a non-related field and relevant experience in community-based, nonprofit organizations, education, or related professions

2 Complete Online Application
   Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.
   - Select “Prevention Program Planning (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3 Request Transcripts
   Request one official transcript from the institution where you earned your bachelor’s degree. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

   Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

   Send paper copies to:
   Graduate Admissions
   Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
   1062 Campus Delivery
   Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status
View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates.

International Students
See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.