

Undergraduate Certificate - Family Studies

The undergraduate certificate in Family Studies is designed for students wishing to develop or enhance their knowledge and skills related to the provision of educational and support services to families, parents, and children. This 6-course online program examines how the individual's needs and perceptions affect family dynamics, and explores the spectrum from child development to the aging process. A focus on the military family is also provided.

Note: Completion of this certificate does not qualify you to apply for teaching licensure.

Certificate Objectives

Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will be able to:

- Examine the dynamics and cultural influences, such as ethnicity, within a family unit.
- Apply theoretical approaches to child rearing in families.
- Develop knowledge of practical skills for working with children and parents.
- Identify and examine the aging process and its effects on a family.
- Explore and discuss strategies and practices of healthy and effective marriages and family relations.

Certificate Requirements (18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
CHFD340	Family Development	3
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
CHFD225	Introduction to the American Family	
CHFD307	Child and Adolescent Development	
CHFD331	Parenting	
CHFD348	Marriage and the Family	
CHFD360	Family Resource Management	
CHFD445	Family Communications	
CHFD446	Families and Social Action	
DEFM332	Transition and the Military Family	
Total Semester Hours		18