Program Overview
The graduate program provides students with the knowledge and expertise to attain professional positions and advancement opportunities in programs serving families and children.

Application Requirements
The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu). International students should review the International Admission Documents webpage (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international/) for additional requirements.

- completed online application
- $55 nonrefundable application fee
  or
- $90 nonrefundable application fee for applications with international credentials
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts from each institution where course credit was granted
- minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- background course work
- official GRE (general test only) with competitive scores in the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections
- resume/CV
- statement of purpose (approximately 500 words)
- three letters of recommendation

TOEFL or IELTS Scores
Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and
  - minimum individual module scores of 6.0

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements
The Master of Science (M.S.) degree with a major in Human Development and Family Sciences concentration in Program Administration and Evaluation requires 37 semester credit hours. Students who do not have the appropriate background course work may be required to complete leveling courses.

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Prescribed Electives
Choose 12 hours from the following:

- ADED 5321 Adult Learning and Development
- ADED 5344 Multicultural Perspectives in Postsecondary Education and Adult Education
- COUN 5316 Counseling Diverse Populations
- COUN 5340 Loss and Grief Recovery Counseling
- COUN 5368 Developmental Issues in Counseling Children, Adolescents, and Adults
- COUN 5369 Child and Adolescent Counseling Methods
- DE 5324 Teaching Learning Strategies and Critical Thinking
- HDFS 5343 Child Life Specialist
- HDFS 5344 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- HDFS 5355 Advanced Independent Study
- HDFS 5357 Comparative Studies in Child Development
- PA 5300 Introduction to Public Policy and Administration
- PA 5330 Public Personnel Administration
- PA 5332 Management Practices in Public Personnel Administration
- PA 5370 Public Management and Ethics
- PSY 5320 Principles of Measurement and Statistics
- PSY 5370 Learning, Cognition, and Motivation
- SOCI 5307 Advanced Statistics for the Social Sciences
- SOCI 5309 Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods
- SOCI 5323 Grant Writing for the Social Sciences
Students must complete the comprehensive exam within five years of beginning the graduate program. If the student does not pass one or more sections on the third attempt, the student must "retake" the exam only twice for a total of three attempts. If the student fails three or more sections of the exam they must write a paper related to the content area that received a "F" grade; faculty determine whether the student writes a paper or orally defends his/her response.

Comprehensive exam questions are evaluated on both the quality and content of the response. Two faculty members evaluate the student's response to each comprehensive exam question. If there is disagreement regarding whether a response is acceptable, a third reader will read the response and make a final evaluation decision. The evaluation decision for each section is made independently of the other sections and can be as follows:

- P=Pass all components of the exam.
- CP= Conditional pass (At the discretion of the graduate faculty, the student must write a paper related to the content area that received a CP and/or orally defend his/her response; faculty determine whether the student writes a paper or orally defends his/her response).
- F=Fail (student who fails three or more sections of the exam must retake all four sections of the exam the following semester). Students can "retake" the exam only twice for a total of three attempts. If the student does not pass one or more sections on the third attempt, the student must re-take relevant coursework and pass with a B or better. This student must then petition the program graduate faculty and request to take an oral exam for the final attempt. It is at the discretion of the graduate faculty whether the petition will be granted. If the petition is granted, the oral exam will take place with a format as well as at a time and place to be determined. The student can only pass or fail the oral comprehensive exam. Students will not graduate from the program without passing all sections of the comprehensive exam.

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FCS 5307. Sustainable Lighting.
This course focuses on understanding the elements and principles of sustainable lighting and explains how it meets the qualitative needs of the visual environment with the least impact on the natural environment.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

FCS 5310. Research Methods in FCS.
This course will cover the evaluation of concepts, methods, and strategies for research in the disciplines of family and consumer sciences. The course will focus on the nature and ethics of scientific research, including design, sampling, measurement, and data collection. Restricted to graduate level majors in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

FCS 5311. Statistics and Data Analysis for Family and Consumer Sciences.
This is a graduate level course covering statistical techniques commonly used in the field of family and consumer sciences. Topics include descriptive statistics, Chi-Square analysis, analysis of variance and covariance, simple and multiple linear regression, logistic regression, and use of statistical software. Data analysis to support decision-making is emphasized. Prerequisite: FCS 5310 with a grade of "C" or better. Restricted to graduate students in FCS.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Study of Family and Consumer Sciences topics in international settings. Emphasis will be placed on an analysis of cultural differences and similarities and their application within FCS professions. Repeatable for credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS)

HDFS 5100. Introduction to Human Development and Family Sciences.
This course focuses on gaining information and competencies important to graduate study success. It includes academic expectations for graduate students, as well as information related to the Human Development and Family Sciences graduate program.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5199B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The focus of this course is on data collection, analysis, and writing of thesis. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
2 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5299B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The focus of this course is on data collection, analysis, and writing of thesis. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5302A. Social Cognitive Development in Childhood and Adolescence.
This course addresses foundations and theories of social cognitive development of children and adolescence. Current research on social cognitive development is emphasized.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5305. Foundations of Play.
This course analyzes foundations and theories of play as it relates to the development of children. Course content includes medical play, play therapy, music therapy, art therapy, and animal therapy as they are applied in professional settings.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5340. Advanced Cultural Diversity of Families.
This course focuses on cultural diversity with an emphasis on contemporary, culturally relevant responses to societal trends. Topics include a critical analysis of cultural competency, multiculturalism, and the strategies implemented to successfully engage in meaningful interactions at the community level. The course incorporates family science research methods to explore topics including family structure and function, family life patterns, multicultural groups, and agents of acculturation.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5341. Advanced Child Development.
This course focuses on the developmental processes and influences from conception through adolescence and emphasizes the interactive relationship of biological and environmental factors in the total development of the child.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5343. Child Life Specialist.
This course introduces students to the scope of Child Life practice, the impact of illness and injury on children and families, patient experience, family centered care, therapeutic play and psychological preparation for treatment and healthcare interventions. The course focuses on theoretical and evidence-based practices used in Child Life practice when interacting with children and families in a variety of healthcare settings. This course includes content necessary for pursuing application to Child Life Internships and the National Child Life Certification Exam.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
HDFS 5344. Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health.
This course provides an interdisciplinary understanding of the social and emotional development of infants and young children within the context of the family. Focus is on the role of the infant mental health specialist in strengthening the development of young children and the parent-child relationship.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5347. Grief and Bereavement in Children, Adolescents, and Parents.
This course focuses on grief and bereavement throughout the life cycle. Topics include a historical overview of the theoretical models on grief and bereavement, influences on grief and bereavement responses, and current perspectives on helping the bereaved cope. Students analyze grief and bereavement implications for child life specialists.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5348. Pain and Anxiety Management for Children.
This course provides child life students with theoretical foundations and applied non-pharmacological strategies for assessing children's pain and anxiety and assisting them with alleviation during healthcare experiences.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course includes evaluation of research concepts, methods, and strategies in human development and family sciences. The topics focus on the nature of scientific research, sampling, measurement, data collection, types of socio-behavioral research, data analysis, and evaluation of research reports.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course includes a critical evaluation of theoretical concepts and current research in human development and family sciences. Recent trends in family and developmental theories are emphasized.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course examines current issues in human development and family sciences from conceptual, methodological, and multi-disciplinary perspectives. Emphasis is on current research and theories, and their application.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course focuses on the diversity and effectiveness of family and child services programs at the federal, state, and community levels. Program evaluation strategies and measures, fiscal management, and grant writing are included.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5354. Comparative Studies in Child Development.
This course focuses on the study of cultural values and beliefs and the reflection of these in child development practices. The interactive influence of culture and global policies is addressed.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5355. Advanced Independent Study.
This course provides opportunity for individual work on problems related to student's primary area of specialization. Work consists of empirical research or critical reviews and integration of existing literature. Course may be repeated once for credit when topics vary.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5356. Advanced Program Administration.
This course focuses on human services organizations. Management theory and strategies, strategic planning, program development and implementation, personnel management, and public policy are emphasized.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

HDFS 5357. Practicum in Human Development and Family Sciences I.
This course provides opportunity for structured practical experience in human development and family sciences programs. Supervision is provided by a member of the graduate faculty and a designated individual at the work site. Focus is on experiential learning.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 10 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5358. Practicum in Human Development and Family Sciences II.
This course provides a continued practical experience in human development and family sciences programs. Supervision is provided by a member of the graduate faculty and a designated individual at the work site. A research report is integrated with practical application. Prerequisite: FCD 5358 or HDFS 5358 either with a grade of "CR".
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 10 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5359A. Thesis.
This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. Focus is on identification of thesis topic, review of literature, and research design. No thesis credit is awarded until a student has completed the thesis in Human Development and Family Sciences.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
HDFS 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The focus of this course is on data collection, analysis, and writing of thesis. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The focus of this course is on data collection, analysis, and writing of thesis. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

5 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5659. Internship in Child Life.
This course is a structured hospital experience for individuals who plan to pursue a career in child life. Students are provided the opportunity to work in a hospital setting under the direction of a certified child life specialist. Successful completion of this course is required for all applicants pursuing application to Child Life Internships and the National Child Life Certification Exam.

6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 38 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

HDFS 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The focus of this course is on data collection, analysis, and writing of thesis. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit