

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE - B.S.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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About This Program

In the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science program at Kent State, students gain an understanding of human development and how it is impacted by family and society. With experienced faculty and the ability to work in diverse settings, graduates of this program are prepared to make a positive impact on individuals, families and communities. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus
 - Salem Campus (Human Services, Family Life Education and Case Management for Individuals and Families concentrations only)
 - Stark Campus (Family Life Education and Gerontology concentrations only)

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Child, family, and school social workers

- 11.7% much faster than the average
- 342,500 number of jobs
- \$48,430 potential earnings

Childcare workers

- 1.7% slower than the average
- 1,146,400 number of jobs
- \$25,460 potential earnings

Clinical, counseling, and school psychologists

- 3.1% about as fast as the average
- 171,500 number of jobs
- \$79,820 potential earnings

Community and social service specialists, all other

- 11.7% much faster than the average
- 105,200 number of jobs
- \$46,770 potential earnings

Counselors, all other

- 13.0% much faster than the average
- 29,100 number of jobs
- \$45,760 potential earnings

Family and consumer sciences teachers, postsecondary

- 1.3% slower than the average
- 2,500 number of jobs
- \$72,220 potential earnings

Marriage and family therapists

- 22.3% much faster than the average
- 66,200 number of jobs
- \$51,340 potential earnings

Social and community service managers

- 17.0% much faster than the average
- 175,500 number of jobs
- \$69,600 potential earnings

Social and human service assistants

- 16.8% much faster than the average
- 425,600 number of jobs
- \$35,960 potential earnings

Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors

- 24.7% much faster than the average
- 319,400 number of jobs
- \$47,660 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

Current Kent State and Transfer Students: Active Kent State students who wish to change their major must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and earned a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State GPA to be admitted. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
GERO 44030	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (WIC)	3
HDF 14027	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
HDF 24012	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3
HDF 25512	MANAGEMENT OF FAMILY RESOURCES	3
HDF 34031	CULTURAL DIVERSITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONS	3
HDF 44018	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
HDF 44020	ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	3
HDF 44023	BUILDING FAMILY STRENGTHS (WIC) ¹	3
HDF 44028	PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	3
HDF 44029	FAMILY POLICY	3
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
PSYC 31574	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
or SOC 32210	RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC)	
SOC 32220 & SOC 32221	DATA ANALYSIS and DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY	3-4

or PSYC 21621	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities		9
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		5
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		48
Case Management for Individuals and Families		
Child and Youth Development		
Family Life Education		
Gerontology		
Human Services		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

Case Management for Individuals and Families Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CES 37800	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	2-3
or COMM 35600	COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS	
or HED 34060	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
HDF 44035	ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT	3
HDF 44092	PRACTICUM IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE (ELR)	3-6
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	3
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS	3
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
or SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	
or SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		6
ARCH 45640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS	
CES 34650	PRACTICES AND THEORIES IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CES 37662	INTRODUCTION TO ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	
ENG 20002	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING	
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
GERO 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN GERONTOLOGY	
GERO 44031	SOCIAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS	
HDF 24013	EARLY ADOLESCENCE	
HDF 24014	BRIDGING CROSS-NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES	
HDF 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	

HDF 41096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION
HDF 42089	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)
HDF 44022	CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN
HDF 44032	NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING AND GRANTWRITING
HDF 44033	COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT (ELR)
HDF 44034	PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT
HDF 44037	POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
HDF 44039	BEREAVEMENT, TRAUMA AND OTHER LOSSES
HDF 44089	FAMILIES IN FLORENCE, ITALY: LOVE, PARENTING AND POLICY (DIVG) (ELR)
HDF 45089	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND OUTCOMES: THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)
HED 14020	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY
HED 42041	HEALTH COACHING
IHS 44010	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS
MDJ 28001	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING
PHIL 40005	HEALTH CARE ETHICS
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
RPTM 36010	RECREATION, LEISURE AND AGING
SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR
SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE
SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)

Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)	
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional	3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)	13
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	48

Child and Youth Development Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CES 37800	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	2-3
or COMM 35600	COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS	
or HED 34060	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	3
or HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	
or HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY	
or SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	
HDF 24013	EARLY ADOLESCENCE	3
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
HDF 44035	ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT	3

HDF 44037	POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	3
HDF 44038	PROFESSIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH WORK PRACTICE	3
HDF 44092	PRACTICUM IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE (ELR)	3-6
HED 34050	PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION	3
or RPTM 36075	EXPERIENCE DESIGN IN RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM SETTINGS	
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		6
ARCH 45640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS	
CES 34650	PRACTICES AND THEORIES IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CES 37662	INTRODUCTION TO ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	
ENG 20002	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING	
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
GERO 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN GERONTOLOGY	
GERO 44031	SOCIAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS	
HDF 24014	BRIDGING CROSS-NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES	
HDF 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	
HDF 41096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION	
HDF 42089	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)	
HDF 44022	CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN	
HDF 44032	NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING AND GRANTWRITING	
HDF 44033	COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT (ELR)	
HDF 44034	PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT	
HDF 44039	BEREAVEMENT, TRAUMA AND OTHER LOSSES	
HDF 44089	FAMILIES IN FLORENCE, ITALY: LOVE, PARENTING AND POLICY (DIVG) (ELR)	
HDF 45089	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND OUTCOMES: THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)	
HED 14020	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	
HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY	
HED 42041	HEALTH COACHING	
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS	
IHS 44010	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	
MDJ 28001	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS	
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)	
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING	
PHIL 40005	HEALTH CARE ETHICS	
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	
RPTM 36010	RECREATION, LEISURE AND AGING	
SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	

SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING	
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE	
SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		7
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		48

Family Life Education Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
COMM 20001	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
HDF 44022	CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN	3
HDF 44030	FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION METHODOLOGY	3
HDF 44092	PRACTICUM IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE (ELR)	3-6
HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY	3
Concentration Electives I, choose from the following:		5-6
ENG 20002	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING	
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	
HED 34060	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
HED 42041	HEALTH COACHING	
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)	
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING	
SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	
Concentration Electives II, choose from the following:		6
ARCH 45640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS	
CES 34650	PRACTICES AND THEORIES IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CES 37662	INTRODUCTION TO ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CES 37800	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
or HED 34060	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
COMM 35600	COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS	
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	
ENG 20002	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING	
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
GERO 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN GERONTOLOGY	
GERO 44031	SOCIAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS	
HDF 24013	EARLY ADOLESCENCE	
HDF 24014	BRIDGING CROSS-NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES	
HDF 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	
HDF 41096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION	
HDF 42089	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)	
HDF 44032	NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING AND GRANTWRITING	

HDF 44033	COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT (ELR)	
HDF 44034	PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT	
HDF 44035	ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT	
HDF 44037	POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	
HDF 44039	BEREAVEMENT, TRAUMA AND OTHER LOSSES	
HDF 44089	FAMILIES IN FLORENCE, ITALY: LOVE, PARENTING AND POLICY (DIVG) (ELR)	
HDF 45089	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND OUTCOMES: THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)	
HED 14020	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	
HED 42041	HEALTH COACHING	
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS	
IHS 44010	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	
MDJ 28001	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS	
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)	
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING	
PHIL 40005	HEALTH CARE ETHICS	
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	
RPTM 36010	RECREATION, LEISURE AND AGING	
SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	
SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING	
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE	
SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		10
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		48

Gerontology Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
BSCI 40020	BIOLOGY OF AGING ¹	3
COMM 36505	COMMUNICATION, AGING AND CULTURE	3
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	3
GERO 44092	PRACTICUM IN GERONTOLOGY (ELR) ²	3-6
SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)	3
Concentration Electives I, choose from the following:		6
ARCH 45640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS	
COMM 36500	HEALTH COMMUNICATION	
HED 42041	HEALTH COACHING	
IHS 44010	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	
MDJ 28001	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS	
LTCA 44032	LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION I	

PHIL 40005	HEALTH CARE ETHICS
RPTM 36010	RECREATION, LEISURE AND AGING
SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE
SPA 44130	COMMUNICATION DISORDERS OF THE AGING
Concentration Electives II, choose from the following: 6	
ARCH 45640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS
COMM 35600	COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS
CES 34650	PRACTICES AND THEORIES IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING
CES 37662	INTRODUCTION TO ADDICTIONS COUNSELING
CES 37800	SMALL GROUP PROCESS
or HED 34060	SMALL GROUP PROCESS
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
ENG 20002	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING
GERO 44030	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (WIC)
GERO 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN GERONTOLOGY
HDF 24013	EARLY ADOLESCENCE
HDF 24014	BRIDGING CROSS-NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
HDF 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE
HDF 41096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION
HDF 42089	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN
HDF 44022	CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN
HDF 44032	NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING AND GRANTWRITING
HDF 44033	COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT (ELR)
HDF 44034	PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT
HDF 44035	ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT
HDF 44037	POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
HDF 44039	BEREAVEMENT, TRAUMA AND OTHER LOSSES
HDF 44089	FAMILIES IN FLORENCE, ITALY: LOVE, PARENTING AND POLICY (DIVG) (ELR)
HDF 45089	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND OUTCOMES: THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)
HED 14020	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE
HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY
HED 42041	HEALTH COACHING
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS
IHS 44010	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS
MDJ 28001	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING
PHIL 40005	HEALTH CARE ETHICS
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
RPTM 36010	RECREATION, LEISURE AND AGING

SPED 23000	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	
SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING	
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
ATTR/EXSC 25057	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) ^{1,3}	4
ATTR/EXSC 25058	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) ^{1,4}	4
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		10
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		48

- ¹ Students who have successfully completed any prerequisite course requirements for BSCI 40020 may use that coursework in place of ATTR 25057 (or EXSC 25057) or ATTR 25058 (or EXSC 25058); however, additional coursework may be required to fulfill Kent Core requirements.
- ² Maximum of 6 credit hours of GERO 44092 may be applied towards the HDF program requirements.
- ³ Students who have successfully completed BSCI 11010 may use that course in place of ATTR 25057 or EXSC 25057.
- ⁴ Students who have successfully completed BSCI 11020 may use that course in place of ATTR 25058 or EXSC 25058.

Human Services Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
HSRV 11001	GROUP METHODS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 11002	SURVEY OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES	3
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS	3
HSRV 21001	ASSESSMENT METHODS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 21002	COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 21092	INTERNSHIP IN HUMAN SERVICES I (ELR)	3
HSRV 21192	INTERNSHIP IN HUMAN SERVICES II (ELR)	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		6
ARCH 45640	DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS	
CES 37800	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
or HED 34060	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
COMM 35600	COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS	
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	
ENG 20002	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING	
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
GERO 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN GERONTOLOGY	
GERO 44031	SOCIAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS	
HDF 24013	EARLY ADOLESCENCE	
HDF 24014	BRIDGING CROSS-NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES	
HDF 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	
HDF 41096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION	

HDF 42089	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR)	
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	
HDF 44022	CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN	
HDF 44032	NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING AND GRANTWRITING	
HDF 44033	COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT (ELR)	
HDF 44034	PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT	
HDF 44035	ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT	
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HDF 44039	BEREAVEMENT, TRAUMA AND OTHER LOSSES	
HED 14020	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	
HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY	
HED 42041	HEALTH COACHING	
HSRV 21003	SOCIAL WELFARE IN HUMAN SERVICES	
IHS 44010	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	
MDJ 28001	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS	
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)	
PACS 48080	MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING	
PHIL 40005	HEALTH CARE ETHICS	
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	
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SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		12
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		48

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.250	2.000

- State/federal background checks may be required for some practicum/internship sites. Results indicating one of the disqualifying offenses, whether expunged or current, may result in the inability to be placed in select practicum/internship sites.

Roadmap

Case Management For Individuals and Family Study Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
HDF 14027	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Two		
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Three		
HDF 24012	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3
HDF 25512	MANAGEMENT OF FAMILY RESOURCES	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
CES 37800	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	2
or	or COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS	
COMM 3560C	or SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
or		
HED 34060		
HDF 34031	CULTURAL DIVERSITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONS	3
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Five		
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS	3
PSYC 31574	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
or	or RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC)	
SOC 32210		
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
or	or DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	
SOC 32762	or INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES (DIVD)	
or		
SPED 23000		
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
GERO 44030	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (WIC)	3
HDF 44020	ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	3
SOC 32220	DATA ANALYSIS	3-4
& SOC 32221	and DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY	
or	or QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 21621	I	
Concentration Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Semester Seven		
HDF 44018	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
HDF 44023	BUILDING FAMILY STRENGTHS (WIC)	3
HDF 44028	PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	3
HDF 44035	ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
HDF 44029	FAMILY POLICY	3
HDF 44092	PRACTICUM IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE (ELR)	3-6
Concentration Elective		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

Child and Youth Development Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
HDF 14027	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Two		
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Three		
HDF 24012	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3
HDF 24013	EARLY ADOLESCENCE	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
CES 37800	SMALL GROUP PROCESS	2-3
or	or COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS	
COMM 35600		
or	or SMALL GROUP PROCESS	
HED 34060		
HDF 25512	MANAGEMENT OF FAMILY RESOURCES	3
HDF 34031	CULTURAL DIVERSITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONS	3
Kent Core Requirement		3

General Elective		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Five		
GERO 44030	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (WIC)	3
HDF 44020	ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	3
PSYC 31574	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
or	or RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC)	
SOC 32210		
Concentration Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	3
or	or DRUG USE AND MISUSE	
HED 32530	or HUMAN SEXUALITY	
or	or INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES	
HED 32544	(DIVD)	
or		
SPED 23000		
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
HDF 44035	ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES IN CASE MANAGEMENT	3
HED 34050	PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION	3
or	or EXPERIENCE DESIGN IN RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM SETTINGS	
RPTM 36075		
SOC 32220	DATA ANALYSIS	3-4
& SOC 32221	and DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY	
or	or QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 21621	I	
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
HDF 44018	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
HDF 44023	BUILDING FAMILY STRENGTHS (WIC)	3
HDF 44028	PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	3
HDF 44037	POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	3
Concentration Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
HDF 44029	FAMILY POLICY	3
HDF 44038	PROFESSIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH WORK PRACTICE	3
HDF 44092	PRACTICUM IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE (ELR)	3-6
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

Family Life Education Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
HDF 14027	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3

Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Two		
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Three		
COMM 20001	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3
HDF 24012	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
HDF 25512	MANAGEMENT OF FAMILY RESOURCES	3
Concentration Elective I		2-3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		14
Semester Five		
GERO 44030	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (WIC)	3
HDF 34031	CULTURAL DIVERSITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONS	3
HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY	3
PSYC 31574	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR) or RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC)	3
SOC 32210		
Concentration Elective I		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
HDF 44020	ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	3
HDF 44022	CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN	3
SOC 32220	DATA ANALYSIS	3-4
& SOC 32221	and DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY or QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 21621	I	
Concentration Elective II		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
HDF 44018	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
HDF 44023	BUILDING FAMILY STRENGTHS (WIC)	3
HDF 44028	PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	3
HDF 44030	FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION METHODOLOGY	3
Concentration Elective II		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
HDF 44029	FAMILY POLICY	3
HDF 44092	PRACTICUM IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE (ELR)	3-6

General Electives	6
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

Gerontology Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Two		
HDF 14027	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Three		
ATTR 25057	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) or (KLAB)	4
EXSC 25057	or HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	
HDF 24012	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3
Concentration Elective II		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Four		
ATTR 25058	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) or (KLAB)	4
EXSC 25058	or HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB)	
HDF 25512	MANAGEMENT OF FAMILY RESOURCES	3
Concentration Elective II		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		16
Semester Five		
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	3
HDF 44020	ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	3
PSYC 31574	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR) or RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC)	3
SOC 32210		
Concentration Elective II		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
GERO 44030	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (WIC)	3
HDF 34031	CULTURAL DIVERSITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONS	3
HDF 44028	PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	3

SOC 32220 & SOC 32221 or PSYC 21621	DATA ANALYSIS and DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY or QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	3-4
Concentration Elective I		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
BSCI 40020	BIOLOGY OF AGING	3
HDF 44018	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	3
HDF 44029	FAMILY POLICY	3
Concentration Elective I		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
COMM 36505	COMMUNICATION, AGING AND CULTURE	3
GERO 44092	PRACTICUM IN GERONTOLOGY (ELR)	3-6
HDF 44023	BUILDING FAMILY STRENGTHS (WIC)	3
SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)	3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		123

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7

Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Identify (a) physical, cognitive, emotional and social dimensions of human development and family relationships; and (b) reciprocal influences of family, school, work and community contexts on human development.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of program development, delivery and evaluation and identify practical implications of human development and family relationship concepts.
3. Access scholarly sources and critically evaluate empirical research; demonstrate an understanding of theories, methods and principles of research; and effectively communicate ideas.
4. Recognize the unique strengths and needs of individuals and families and apply knowledge through involvement with and study of diverse populations.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Science offers an interdisciplinary approach to individual and family development. Students receive the knowledge and skills needed to help individuals and families across the lifespan to flourish in a global society. The degree prepares students for a wide range of careers in diverse settings, including family and community-based social services, prevention, nonprofit administration and family and community intervention. Core coursework focuses on development across the lifespan and understanding family relationships, the environments in which individuals live and learn and the unique strengths and needs of diverse individuals and families.

The Human Development and Family Science major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Case Management for Individuals and Families** concentration provides training in needs assessment and the utilization of available public and private resources. Case managers provide assistance to individuals and families by coordinating services and access to resources. Students in this concentration learn the skills necessary to understand clients' needs and goals, and develop a plan to achieve these goals with the resources and services available to them. Graduates are eligible for securing positions in a wide array of social service agencies.
- The **Child and Youth Development** concentration prepares students for working with children and adolescents in non-school settings such as residential treatment, group care, community youth services, foster care and after-school programs. Graduates are able to design and deliver developmentally appropriate programs, preparing children and youth for productive adulthood by emphasizing skills and competency development.
- The **Family Life Education** concentration prepares graduates to develop and implement educational programming for parents, couples and families in a variety of education and human service settings. Family life educators teach individuals and families effective communication skills, positive self-esteem, parenting skills and healthy interpersonal skills. Graduates are eligible to apply to be

certified family life educators (CFLE), a credential granted by the National Council on Family Relations.

- The **Gerontology** concentration prepares graduates for professional positions in the diverse field of aging, including health and wellness, community-based social services, retirement communities, adult-care centers and nursing homes. The curriculum provides students with a solid understanding of typical age-related changes and how these changes affect a person physiologically, psychologically and socially. According to the U.S. Census, 20 percent of the total population will be 65 or older by 2030. Because of the increasing number of older persons and the fact that people are generally living longer, there is a growing need for people to work in the field of aging.
- The **Human Services** concentration is a completer program for students who hold an associate degree in human services. This concentration prepares graduates for entry-level positions in a variety of human service agencies, including child and family welfare agencies, mental health centers, developmental disability facilities and substance abuse treatment centers.

Students may apply early to the following master's degree programs and double count 9 credit hours of graduate courses toward both degrees. See the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program Policy in the University Catalog for more information.

- M.A. degree in Human Development and Family Science
- M.Ed. degree in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.