



MASTER of SCIENCE

FAMILY STUDIES



Program Overview

The Master of Science in Family Studies is an interdisciplinary degree offered on campus and online, emphasizing family life education. The mission of the Master of Science in Family Studies program is to offer students a multidisciplinary degree program which utilizes curriculum from counseling and human behavior and development to prepare students for employment in settings such as social service agencies, religious institutions, parent education programs, juvenile services, day care facilities, foster care programs, and retirement and/or assisted living facilities. This program educates students in research, ethics, human behavior and development, and counseling skills. Graduates will provide prevention, enrichment, and education on the family and its interaction with other social systems in a wide range of organizations. The degree is offered with an optional specialization in Christian Counseling Both tracks may be completed through a combination of online and classroom courses or 100% online.



M.S. Family Studies Degree Plan

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| I. Required Graduate Studies | 6 Hours |
| RGS6035 Theory & Application of Research Methods | 3 Hours |
| RGS6036 Ethics for Decision Making | 3 Hours |
| II. Major Course Requirements | 18 Hours |
| CSL6765 Crisis Counseling | 3 Hours |
| CSL6801 Life Span Development | 3 Hours |
| HBD6767 Family Studies | 3 Hours |
| HBD6768 Aging with Dignity | 3 Hours |
| HBD6769 Human Sexuality | 3 Hours |
| HBD6771 Conflict Management & Resolution | 3 Hours |
| III. Counseling Electives | 12 Hours |
| Totals: | 36 Hours |

* Pre-practicum and practicum courses may not be used to fulfill counseling electives.

See current catalog for prerequisites.

Graduate certificates may be completed while fulfilling degree requirements.
See the University website for a listing of certificates offered.