

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY STUDIES, AND COUNSELING

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The mission of the Department of Human Development, Family Studies, and Counseling is to prepare educators and leaders who respect differences, celebrate diversity, and promote social justice, and to foster the education of educators, family scientists, and leaders who make significant and valued contributions to the quality of living, learning, and leadership in communities, schools and related human development contexts.

The department is dedicated to enriching the initial and continuing professional development of educators and family scientists fostering excellence in teaching, family and community services and leadership, promoting critical inquiry through scholarship, research and other creative activities, engaging in collaborative activities that further human development and family relationships and networks, and providing service to individuals, families, communities, and outreach.

Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.S. in Child Development (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/human-development-family-studies-counseling/child-development-ms/>) The master's degree in Child Development prepares students for advanced careers working with children and families in various educational and community settings. The program is offered up to 100% online and in accelerated format.
- M.S. in Child Life (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/human-development-family-studies-counseling/child-life-ms/>) The master's degree in Child Life prepares students for careers in both healthcare and community settings. Students who complete the academic and clinical requirements are eligible to pursue certification as Child Life Specialists. The program is offered fully online.
- M.S. in Family Studies (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/human-development-family-studies-counseling/family-studies-ms/>) The master's degree in Family Studies prepares students for advanced careers working with individuals and families, including family and human services, social services, and parent or family life education. The program is offered up to 100% online and in accelerated format.
- M.S. in Counseling and Development (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/human-development-family-studies-counseling/counseling-development-ms/>) The master's degrees in Counseling and Development prepares students for careers in clinical mental health counseling or school counseling. Students who complete the academic and clinical requirements are eligible to pursue licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor or certification as a School Counselor.

- M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy (<https://twu.edu/human-development-family-studies-counseling/graduate-programs/marriage-family-therapy/ms-marriage-family-therapy/>) The master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy prepares students for careers in marriage and family therapy. The program provides the academic requirements to pursue licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.
- Ph.D. in Family Studies (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/human-development-family-studies-counseling/family-studies-phd/>) The doctoral program in Family Studies prepares students for advanced career options in family and social services, family life education, public policy, research, and higher education.
- Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy (<https://twu.edu/human-development-family-studies-counseling/graduate-programs/marriage-family-therapy/phd-marriage-family-therapy/>) The doctoral program in Marriage and Family Therapy prepares students for advanced career options in family therapy, including clinical work, supervision, research, and higher education.
- Ph.D. in Child Development and Early Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/human-development-family-studies-counseling/child-development-early-education-phd/>) The doctoral program in Child Development and Early Education prepares students for advanced career options in child care administration, child and family advocacy, public policy, research, and higher education. Offered together with the Department of Literacy and Learning.

Accreditation and Program Approvals

The M.S. in Counseling and Development is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (<http://www.cacrep.org/>) (CACREP).

The M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy and the Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (<https://www.coamfte.org/>) (COAMFTE).

The M.S. in Child Life is endorsed by the Association of Child Life Professionals (<https://www.childlife.org/>) (ACLP).

The M.S. in Family Studies, M.S. in Child Development, M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy, Ph.D. in Family Studies, Ph.D. in Child Development and Early Education, and Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy have all been approved by the National Council on Family Relations (<https://www.ncfr.org/>) (NCFR) as meeting the standards and criteria required for the provisional Certified Family Life Educator (<https://www.ncfr.org/cfle-certification/>) (CFLE) designation. Students should consult with their advisor for information about specific coursework requirements.