

# DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

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## Graduate

### Graduate Programs in Human Development and Family Studies

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) offers a Master of Science degree with two specializations and one doctoral program in Applied Developmental Science. The focus of the department is on the study of individual and family development across the lifespan; the development, implementation, and evaluation of intervention and prevention programs for individuals and families at risk; and the influence of social institutions such as schools and communities on development. Our graduate programs advance students' understanding of human behavior and development, as well as enable them to contribute to scholarship and professional practice.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>) and the Department of Human Development and Family Studies (<http://www.hdfs.chhs.colostate.edu/students/>). (<http://hdfs.chhs.colostate.edu/students/masters/>)

### Graduate Certificate

- Prevention Program Planning & Evaluation (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/prevention-program-planning-evaluation/>)

### Master's Programs

In addition to the Individualized Master of Science in HDFS, there are two specializations offered: Prevention Science, and Marriage and Family Therapy. Curricula in each program includes core courses in individual development, family theories, current research and issues in HDFS, and research methods. A research thesis is required for Plan A.

- Master of Science in HDFS, Plan A (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/plan-a-ms-human-development-family-studies/>)
- Master of Science in HDFS, Marriage & Family Therapy Specialization, Plan A and Plan B (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/ms-human-development-family-studies-marriage-therapy-specialization-plan-a-plan-b/>)
- Master of Science in HDFS, Plan A, Prevention Science Specialization (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/plan-a-ms-human-development-family-studies-prevention-science-specialization/>)

### Online Master's Program

The online Master of Prevention Science Practice trains graduates to implement evidence-based prevention programs for use at the

community-level in preventing mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders. The course work emphasizes lifespan developmental processes and normative family functioning, as well as theories of prevention science and risk and resilience.

- Master of Prevention Science Practice, Plan C (M.P.S.P.) (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/plan-c-mpsp-master-prevention-science/>)

### Ph.D.

The program in Applied Developmental Science builds upon coursework completed in a master's program, yet allows for more advanced, tailored, and personalized learning. Doctoral training also emphasizes mentorships with faculty in order to apply coursework to research in students' areas of specialization.

- Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Science (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/applied-developmental-science-phd/>)