

Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS)

OSU Major in HDFS with an Option in Early Childhood Development and Education or OSU Major in HDFS with an Option in Human Services or OSU Major in HDFS with an Option in Gerontology or OSU Minor in Early Childhood Development and Education or OSU Certificate in Gerontology

▶▶▶ The Program

If you're interested in working with children, families, adults and communities, an HDFS degree may be for you. Within the HDFS major, coursework includes baccalaureate core courses and introductory lower division courses offered through Central Oregon Community College (COCC). Students then take advanced theory and application courses at the upper division level through OSU-Cascades. Students choose to specialize in one of three ways – early childhood, human services, or gerontology – through their selection of an option area. Students looking to major in another OSU program, may also choose to pick up an Early Childhood Development and Education minor or a certificate in Gerontology to highlight an additional skill set on their undergraduate transcript.

▶▶▶ The Future

Early Childhood Education graduates work as advocates in a wide variety of positions, depending on their focus and interests. With further study, these graduates can earn their teaching credentials, qualifying them for teaching in primary grades in public schools. Those specializing their studies in Gerontology can find diverse positions in community services, health sciences, nutrition, dietetics, business, public policy, and various other areas. Many Human Services graduates work in agencies that serve families, senior service programs, or programs for children and youth. The variety of career possibilities with an HDFS degree is almost endless.

▶▶▶ At OSU-Cascades, You Can Have It All

OSU-Cascades blends the personal atmosphere of a small campus with the opportunities of a much larger school. All at a price that's lower than most comparable institutions. As a student, you'll take your lower-division classes from Central Oregon Community College (paying lower community college tuition) and your upper division courses from Oregon State University or the University of Oregon. We feature extra small classes, one-on-one mentoring by world-class faculty, creative course delivery, and community based learning opportunities that create a dynamic student experience. Field studies and research opportunities take students out of the classroom and into the real-world environment. And, with a student-teacher ratio of 10-to-1, you'll know your professors, often on a first-name basis.

▶▶▶ Major in HDFS with an Option in Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) (180 credits); OSU Minor in ECDE (27 credits)

If you enjoy working with children, families, schools and communities, and want to see children progress in development in positive environments, then our ECDE program may be for you. Within the major, coursework includes baccalaureate core courses and introductory lower division courses in ECDE offered through Central Oregon Community College (COCC). Students will take advanced theory and application courses at the upper division level through OSU-Cascades. The program also includes 15 credits of practicum experience across early childhood years from birth to age eight. Students majoring in another OSU program, may also choose to complete a transcript-visible minor in ECDE.

▶▶▶ OSU Major in HDFS with an Option in Human Services (180 credits)

If you enjoy working with children, families, adults and communities, and want to see families progress through positive changes, then our HDFS-Human Services (HS) program may be for you. Our program provides a broad based education in family issues, development across the lifespan, early childhood development, social policy development and evaluation, and the critical thinking, intervention and research skills that are needed to enhance family services within our society. Coursework includes baccalaureate core courses and introductory lower division courses in Family Sciences offered through Central Oregon Community College (COCC). Advanced theory and application courses at the upper division level are offered through OSU-Cascades. The program also includes 9 credits of field experience in settings serving individuals and families.

▶▶▶ OSU Major in HDFS with an Option in Gerontology (180 credits); OSU Certificate in Gerontology (27 credits)

The study and professional care of older adults in our society is an ongoing and challenging need. Families are society's biggest and most enduring resource. Gerontology studies provide students with skills to assist older adults in healthy aging and family support. In addition to the Gerontology Option, the Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS) department also offers a Certificate in Gerontology. The certificate is available to students earning a baccalaureate degree in any major at OSU or community members who hold a Bachelor's degree (or who are pursuing such a degree from another educational institution) and are interested in increasing their employability in the many professional areas related to aging.

**For more information on the HDFS program, go online to
<http://www.osucascades.edu/academics/hdfs/>**

**For the complete advising guide for the HDFS major, minor, or certificate, go online to
<http://www.osucascades.edu/advising/guides.php>**

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