

## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

<b>Program of Study</b>	The graduate program in Human Development is designed to provide advanced training, with special emphasis on child development and family relations. This program is designed for those interested in working in the human development field in such leadership positions as center director, director of services, program coordinator, case manager or project manager.	
	<p>The curriculum is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• train students in the fundamentals of professional practice in agencies serving children, adolescents, adults and families</li> <li>• provide students with advanced content in one or more research areas (e.g., early childhood, human sexuality, family relationships)</li> <li>• provide students with internship opportunities in human service programs or in applied research mentored by a faculty member</li> </ul>	
<b>Financial Aid</b>	A limited number of graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis each year. Students interested in an assistantship should send a letter to the Associate Dean for Instruction, College of Education and Human Development, requesting to be considered for such a position. A definite decision on financial aid is made only after a completed admission has been received and approved.	
<b>Students</b>	Approximately 20 graduate students are enrolled in the program, keeping the ratio student to faculty ratio to 4:1.	
<b>Applying</b>	Students come from various backgrounds and undergraduate majors in fields such as child development, family relations, sociology, psychology, and social work.	
	Preparation should include courses in child development and family relations.	
	Application deadlines are April 1 for fall admission and Nov. 1 for spring admission.	
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