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### **Knowledge Acquisition and Application:**

You will acquire and utilize knowledge and skills necessary for a professional position or graduate /professional training in Human Development and Family Studies. By the time you complete your education, you will:

- Master the concepts and theories of human development and family systems
- Describe adaptations of individuals and families across the lifespan
- Evaluate and apply appropriate theoretical perspectives to issues of human development and family studies across the lifespan
- Use an ecological framework to understand the factors that contribute to individual differences in development, including culture and time
- Establish a deep understanding of one or more developmental periods with particular emphasis on the family as a context for lifespan development

### **Research**

You will understand and use methods of inquiry appropriate to Human Development & Family Studies, including relevant quantitative or qualitative analytic tools. By the time you complete your education, you will:

- Apply the basic principles of research design and methods by identifying a human development issue and proposing a researchable question
- Identify appropriate methods
- Evaluate potential solutions or results
- Conduct research or gather data on researchable human development questions
- Understand the strengths and weaknesses of the scientific process for answering critical human development questions

### **Critical Thinking Skills**

You will use acquired knowledge, skills, and creativity to identify and solve complex human science problems. By the time you complete your education, you will:

- Locate, attend to, consider, question, and evaluate information and arguments from a variety of sources (teachers, peer-reviewed journals, books, media, raw data)
- Create cohesive, persuasive arguments regarding human development, family systems and behavior by evaluating, applying and integrating appropriate information from various sources
- Articulate how developmental principles and research can be used to explain social issues and inform policy
- Apply knowledge base to oneself, diverse groups and cultures.
- Construct concrete action plans to improve the human condition



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### **Communication**

You will communicate clearly and effectively using a variety of methods. By the time you complete your education, you will:

- Communicate effectively in writing using field specific terminology and conventions in a variety of forms for appropriate professional audiences
- Speak effectively in formal settings
- Integrate technology and visuals or graphics in formal communications
- Demonstrate appropriate interpersonal communication skills in professional settings
- Incorporate and draw upon multiple cultural perspectives in written, oral and interpersonal communication

### **Personal Development**

You will demonstrate a sense of responsibility to self, community, and society. By the time you complete your education, you will:

- Demonstrate the ability to reflect on the motivating forces of one's own behavior and perceptions
- Practice systematic self-assessment and reflection
- Understand the limitations of one's own knowledge base
- Understand the social–historical-cultural factors that influence one's knowledge
- Display high standards of integrity in personal and professional settings

### **Professional Development**

You will gain knowledge and practice regarding the ethical principles and best practices in Human Development & Family Studies. By the time you complete your education, you will:

- Conduct oneself as members of the human service profession
- Demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective and critical perspectives on professional contributions
- Demonstrate commitment to life-long learning.
- Construct an appropriate career path
- Engage in collaborative problem solving and effective team participation
- Act as informed advocates for sound human service policies and practices

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