What Can I Do With a Major In…

Major: Development and Family Studies

What is Development and Family Studies?
Development and Family Studies is the study of social and cultural influences on families, children and elders with diverse groups. This program prepares professionals through study, research and practical experiences to enhance the quality of life and education for children, youth, adults and families. The B.S. Degree with a Major in Development and Family Studies has three degree options: Non-Teacher Certification, Teacher Certification in Human Development & Family Studies and Family & Consumer Sciences:

- Family and Community (Provisional Certified Family Life Educator) Through NCFR
- Family and Consumer Sciences (teacher certification option)
- Human Development and Family Studies (teacher certification option)
- Human Development and Research
- Intervention and Administration

UNT is recognized as a leader in teacher education in Texas. The development family studies and early childhood education program provides courses that support the B.S. with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies (Early Childhood-Fourth Grade or Fourth-Eighth grade certification). Additional information about this degree can be obtained by contacting the Department of Educational Psychology Undergraduate Studies.

Faculty, staff and students are committed to inquiry and shared discovery, best professional practices, active participation in professional and scholarly organizations, effective use of technology, and the value of intellectual and human diversity.

Potential Careers in Development and Family Studies
Development and Family Studies is a great career choice if you are interested in enhancing the quality of life and education for children, youth, adults and families. Areas to consider:

Related Career Titles (with OnetOnline links)
Entry-Level (Bachelor's Degree):
- Activities Director
- Assistant Teacher
- Behavior Specialist
- Case Manager/Worker
- Child Life Specialist
- College Recruiter
- Community Outreach
- Counselor
- Day Care Giver
- Child/Family Advocate

- Family Based Clinician
- Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- Head Start Teacher
- Human Resources
- Juvenile Probation Officer
- Life Skills Worker
- Parent Educator
- Preschool Teacher
- Program Manager/Specialist
- Special Education Teacher
Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience:
Activity Therapist
Administrator
Aging Care Manager
Alcohol and Drug Counselor
Assistant Administrator
Benefits Analyst
Family Services Coordinator
Family Based Clinician
Program Director
Parent Involvement Coordinator
Preschool Director
Mental Health Aide
Mental Health Worker
Office Coordinator
Research Analyst
Research Scientist
Social Worker
Therapeutic Behavioral Specialist
Therapist
University Professor
Youth Development Coordinator

Practicum Sites
American Red Cross
Abigail’s Arms
Academic Success Programs
AlphaBest Education
American Cancer Society
Bright Horizons
Buckner International
Childcare Group
Child Welfare Agencies
Children’s Advocacy Center of Collin Co.
Colleges and Universities
Communities in Schools
Denton County Friends of the Family
Department of Children’s Services
Department of Education
Department of Human Services
Family Resource Center
Government Agencies
Heart to Heart Hospice
Hospitals
Human Resources
LAUNCHAbility
LIFE Synch
LIFEPATH SYSTEMS
Nelson’s Children’s Center
Nonprofit Organizations
MADD
Project Transformation
Plano Family Literacy
Public or Private Schools
The Parenting Center
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital
Treatment Centers
Victim Services Organizations
Volunteer Center of North Texas
Youth Services Organizations

Skills to Develop to Include on a Resume
Active Listening
Assessment
Behavior management
Crisis intervention
Critical thinking
Data analysis
Dedication
Goal setting
Integrity and ethical conduct
Interviewing skills
Judgment and Critical Thinking
Knowledge of mechanics and general health
Law and Government
Maintain records
Multicultural competency
Observing human interactions
Organization
Patience and sensitivity
Planning and Problem solving
Presentation skills
Program development and evaluation
Providing instruction
Rapport building
Respecting for diversity
Social Perspective

Stress Management
Supervision
Time management
Understanding group dynamics
Willingness to adapt
Written and verbal communication skill

Professional Associations
Administration for Children and Families
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Educational Research Association
International Society on Infant Studies
National Association for Family Child Care
National Association of Child Care Professionals
National Association for the Education of Young Children
National Council on Family Relations
National Head Start Association
Society for Research in Child Development
Society for the Study of Human Development
Texans Care for Children

Student Organizations
Leaders in Family Education (LIFE)
North Texas Rehabilitation Association (NTRA)
Student Council for Exceptional Children
Talon Teach
United Way Student Leaders (UWSL)

Early Learning Initiative Towards Education (ELITE)
G-Force
Kappa Delta Pi
United Way Student Leaders (UWSL)
Green Jackets

Job Search/Internship Links
United Way of Denton Community Services Directory
Online Application for Educators (OLAS)
Social Service.com
Eagle Careers
Internsearch.com
Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Advisor! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.

Also check out Eagle Careers to find out about Career Center events and search for jobs!!!