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## Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Science Early Childhood Development and Services (ECDS) Concentration

A joint interdisciplinary degree program with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences



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### ❖ **Mason Core, 41 credits:** For current list of approved courses: <http://provost.gmu.edu/gened/approved-course-listing/>

- Oral Communication - 3 credits
- Written Communication ( Lower Level) - 3 Credits (**ENGH 101**)
- Written Communication (Upper Level) - 3 Credits (**ENGH 302**)
- Information Technology and Ethics - 3 Credits
- Quantitative Reasoning - 3 Credits
- Arts - 3 Credits
- Global Understanding - 3 Credits (**PSYC 379**)
- Literature - 3 Credits
- Natural Science - 8 Credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences - 3 Credits (**PSYC 100**)
- Western Civilization - 3 Credits
- Synthesis – 3 credits (**HDFS 400**)

### ❖ **College-Level Requirements, 9-18 credits** (follow CHSS college-level requirements)

- Philosophy or Religion - 3 credits
- Non-Western Culture - 3 credits (must be different from the course used to fulfill Global Understanding)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences - 3 credits (**SOCI 101 or 102**) (this is in addition to university wide requirement in social and behavioral sciences for a total of 6 credits)
- Foreign Language – 0-9 credits (must achieve proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level (through coursework or testing to determine proficiency)

### ❖ **HDFS major coursework, 43 credits**

- HDFS 200: Individual and Family Development
- HDFS 250: Family Finance and Resource Management
- HDFS 300: Individual and Family Services Delivery
- HDFS 400: Advanced Family Processes
- HDFS 401: Family Law & Public Policy (**Writing Intensive**)
- HDFS 498: Internship
- HDFS 499: Advanced Internship
- ECED 401: Develop Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence **OR**
- PSYC 313: Child Development
- ECED 404: Engaging Families of Diverse Young Learners **OR**
- NCLC 321: Parent-Child Relations
- HEAL 325: Health Aspects of Human Sexuality
- PSYC 330: Psychology of Adjustment
- PSYC 415: Psychological Factors in Aging
- SOCI 303: Methods and Logic of Inquiry **OR**
- PSYC 301: Research Methods in Psychology
- SOCI 308: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World

### ❖ **Early Childhood Development and Services Concentration Electives, 12** (Choose 12 from the list below or in consultation with your advisor\*)

- ANTH 315: Socialization Processes: Family, Childhood, Personality in Cross-Cultural Perspective
  - COMM 334: Family and Health Communication
  - COMM 399: Mother-Daughter Rels and Communication
  - ECED 402: Found. of Language and Lit for Diverse Young Learners
  - ECED 403: Inclusive Curriculum for Young Learners
  - ECED 405: Intro to Early Childhood Special Education
  - ECED 406: Medical Aspects of Physical and Sensory Disabilities of Diverse Young Learners
  - ECED 422: Developing Language, Lit, and Comm of Diverse Young Learners
  - ECED 423: Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities: Collaborative and Consultative Approaches
  - EDEP 402: Brain, Behavior, and Neuroimaging in Children
  - EDEP 405: The Neuroscience of Learning and Cognition
  - EDRD 301: Facilitating Literacy in School or Community Settings
  - HEAL 230: Intro to Health Behavior
  - NCLC 312: Images and Experiences of Childhood: Social Construct, Literature, and Film
  - NCLC 314: Conflict, Trauma and Healing
  - NCLC 316: Introduction to Childhood Studies
  - NCLC 317: Issues in Family Relationships
  - NCLC 319: Contemporary Youth Studies
  - PHED 201: Developmental Motor Patterns
  - PSYC 231: Social Psychology
  - PSYC 304: Principles of Learning
  - PSYC 317: Cognitive Psychology
  - PSYC 379: Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology
  - PSYC 414: Behavior Disorders of Childhood
  - PSYC 418: Death, Dying, and Grieving
  - SOCI 302: Sociology of Delinquency
  - SOCI 309: Marriage, Families, and Intimate Life
  - SOCI 360: Youth Culture and Society
  - SOCW 415: Child and Family Welfare
- \*Other courses of interest may be approved by the program coordinator

### ❖ **Electives, 6-15 credits**

**Total: 120 Credits**

**Academic Requirements:** 120 total credits; 45 Upper Level Credit Hours; 30 Hours (12 upper level) for GMU Residency Requirement; Completion of Mason Core courses; GPA of at least 2.0

**Suggested Freshman Academic Plan (to be supplemented by Mason Core and Electives)**

Semester	Course	Credits	Prerequisites
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Fall	HDFS 200: Individual and Family Development	3	
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Spring	HDFS 250: Family Finance and Resource Management	3	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Fall	HEAL 325: Health Aspects of Human Sexuality	3	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Spring	ECDS Concentration Elective #1	3	
	PSYC 466: Psychology of Intimate Relationships	3	<i>PSYC 100 and 231</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Fall	SOCI 308: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World	3	
	ECDS Concentration Elective #2	3	
	ECED 401: Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners	3	
	ECED 404: Engaging Families of Diverse Young Learners	3	
	SOCI 303: Sociological Research Methodology	4	<i>SOCI 101 or 102</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Spring	ECDS Concentration Elective #3	3	
	HDFS 300: Individual and Family Services Delivery	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
	PSYC 415: Psychological Factors in Aging	3	<i>PSYC 100</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Fall	HDFS 498: Internship	3	<i>HDFS 300</i>
	ECDS Concentration Elective #4	3	
	HDFS 400: Advanced Family Processes	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Spring	HDFS 401: Family Law and Public Policy	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
	HDFS 499: Advanced Internship	3	<i>HDFS 498</i>

**Transfer Suggested Schedule** (assumes all Mason Core requirements and electives have been met)

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1 <sup>st</sup> Year Fall	HDFS 200: Individual and Family Development	3	
	HDFS 250: Family Finance and Resource Management	3	
	HEAL 325: Health Aspects of Human Sexuality	3	
	SOCI 303: Sociological Research Methodology	4	<i>SOCI 101 or 102</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Spring	HDFS 300: Individual and Family Services Delivery	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
	ECDS Concentration Elective #1	3	
	PSYC 466: Psychology of Intimate Relationships	3	<i>PSYC 100 and 231</i>
	SOCI 308: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World	3	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Fall	ECDS Concentration Elective #2	3	
	HDFS 400: Advanced Family Processes	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
	ECED 401: Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners	3	
	ECED 404: Engaging Families of Diverse Young Learners	3	
	HDFS 498: Internship	3	<i>HDFS 300</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Spring	ECDS Concentration Elective #3	3	
	HDFS 401: Family Law and Public Policy	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
	PSYC 415: Psychological Factors in Aging	3	<i>PSYC 100</i>
	ECDS Concentration Elective #4	3	
	HDFS 499: Advanced Internship	3	<i>HDFS 498</i>