



# Human Development and Family Science

University of Missouri

Degree Requirements for:

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN A MOBILE SOCIETY**

*This online degree program prepares students to work in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes (1) child development, growth, and learning; (2) Learning activities, technology use, and other experiences for young children; (3) Family and community influences on children; (4) Challenges facing families in today's world; (5) Assessment of children and environments; (6) Professional and ethical standards; (7) Hands-on experiences and clinical practice. Upon completion of the program, students are qualified to work in various early education and care settings serving children from birth through eight years in a wide variety of community and military settings, including early education centers and preschools, family and home care settings, Head Start and Early head Start programs, and before/after school programs.*

*In addition to the Mizzou General Education and HES College requirements, the following courses comprise the Early Childhood Education in a Mobile Society emphasis area. See additional requirements on the back of this sheet. More information is available at <https://www.gpidea.org/program/early-care-and-education-in-a-mobile-society>*

HDFS 1600 must be taken before any 3000 or 4000-level HDFS courses. \*A grade of C or better is required for these courses. Admission to Pre-Practicum Two courses is contingent upon completion of 30 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a course in lifespan human development (HDFS 2400 or equivalent).

### **Required Courses through Mizzou Online Outside of GPI (16 hours)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \*HDFS 1600 Foundations of Family Science (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*HDFS 2300 Multicultural Study of Children and Families (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*HDFS 2400 Principles of Human Development (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ESC PS 4170 Introduction to Applied Statistics (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 2200 Research Methods in Human Dev.& Family Sci.(3)

### **Required Courses through the Great Plains Early Childhood Education in a Mobile Society Program (51 hours)\***

**Pre-Practicum One Courses** (must be taken prior to Practicum I and Pre-Practicum Two courses)

- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3050 Child Development - Birth to Age 3 (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3150 Child Development - Ages 4 to 8 (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3250 Introduction to Early Care and Education for a Mobile Society (Professional Development) (3)

### **Pre-Practicum Two Courses**

- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3350 Child Guidance and Classroom Environments (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 4150 Development of Curriculum for Children Ages Birth to 3 (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 4250 Development of Curriculum for Children Ages 4 to 8 (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 4350 Assessing Young Children and their Environments to Enhance Development(3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 4450 Understanding and Adapting for Developmental Differences (3)

**Professional Development Block** (may be taken anytime during the program prior to Practicum III)

- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3450 Health, Safety and Nutrition (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3550 Technology and Young Children (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3650 Diversity in the Lives of Young Children and Families (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 3750 Working with Families (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HDFS 4650 Admin. and Supervision in Early Childhood Settings (3) (must be taken after Practicum I and all Pre-Practicum Two courses)

### **Practicum Block**

- \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup>HDFS 3950 Practicum I Child Observation in Classroom Environments (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup>HDFS 4550 Practicum II (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup>HDFS 4750 Practicum III (6) Capstone

**General Electives**

Almost any college-level course that does not meet one of the above requirements, but that rounds out your education can be counted as a general elective.

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**Minimum of 120 credit hours must be completed.**

\*A maximum of 6 course substitution credits are permitted for the courses in this section. No substitution are permitted for Practicums I, II or III.

<sup>1</sup>Pre-Practicum One courses are prerequisites to Practicum I. Practicum I must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in Pre-Practicum Two courses.

<sup>2</sup>Pre-Practicum Two courses are prerequisites to Practicum II. Practicum II must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in Practicum III.

<sup>3</sup>Program capstone experience. Practicum III may be taken only after successful completion of all other Pre-Practicum, Practicum, and Professional Development courses.

# Early Childhood Education in a Mobile Society

## Sample Course Guide

### FALL I

**HDFS 1600 – non GPI req	(3)
**HDFS 2400 – non GPI req	(3)
Math 1100 - GE	(3)
English 1000 - GE	(3)
Am Hist/Gov - GE	(3)
Total	(15)

### SPRING I

**HDFS 3150 – GPI pre I Sp	(3)
HDFS 3250 – GPI pre I F/Sp	(3)
Social or Behavioral Science GE	(3)
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Total	(12)

### SUMMER

HDFS 3450 – GPI PD Su	(3)
Finpln 2183 – HES req/2000+ GE	(3)
Total	(6)

### FALL II

HDFS 3050 – GPI pre I F/S	(3)
ESCPS 4170 – non GPI req/ Mth Sc/ 2000+ GE	(3)
Lower-level writing intensive(3)	
General Elective	(3)
Total	(12)

### SPRING II

HDFS 3950 – GPI prac I	(3)
HDFS 3650 - PD Sp	(3)
**HDFS 2200 – non GPI req	(3)
**HDFS 2300 – non GPI req	(3)
Total	(12)

### SUMMER II

HDFS 4250 – GPI pre II Su	(3)
Total	(3)

### FALL III

HDFS 4150 – GPI pre II F	(3)
HDFS 4450 – GPI pre II F	(3)
HDFS 3550 – GPI PD F	(3)
Biological or Physical Science with lab – GE	(3)
Humanities – GE	(3)
Total	(15)

### SPRING III

HDFS 4350 – GPI pre II Sp	(3)
HDFS 3350 – GPI pre II Sp	(3)
*3000+-level writing intensive	(3)
Science - GE	(3)
Humanities – GE	(3)
Total	(15)

### SUMMER III

HDFS 3750 – GPI PD Su	(3)
HDFS 4650 – GPI PD Su	(3)
Total	(6)

### FALL IV

HDFS 4550 – GPI prac II	(3)
Humanities – GE	(3)
General Elective	(6)
Total	(12)

### SPRING IV

*HDFS 4750 – Capstone/GPI prac III	(6)
General Elective	(6)
Total	(12)

GE – General Education requirement  
 HES req – College of HES requirement  
 Non GPI req – degree requirement outside of the GPI program  
 GPI PD – GPI Professional Development  
 GPI Prac # - GPI Practicum  
 GPI Pre # - GPI Pre-practicum coursework

Capstone – University of Missouri requirement  
 \*Courses requiring a C- or higher per university policy.  
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# Human Development & Family Science

## Careers of Recent HDFS Graduates

Graduates of Human Development and Family Science have a wide array of career options, many of which are available to graduates of any of the HDFS emphasis areas. Currently, only Child Life positions require certification that is available only to those students completing all Child Life program requirements and passing the Child Life Council's Certification Exam.

- **Independent Living Specialist** with Services for Independent Living
- **Trainer for Child Care Providers** with Community Partnerships
- **Teach for America Compus Coordinator.** *Recruit teachers from campuses across US*
- **Director of Residential Life** on a college campus
- **HIV Case Management Supervisor**
- **Quality Assurance Officer and Project Director** for Phoenix Programs
- **Counselor's Assistant** at the Family Counseling Center
- **Drug Court Counselor**
- **Certified Child Life Specialist** at St. Louis Children's Hospital, Hematology & Oncology
- **Exceptional Education Teacher** at Metropolitan Public School in Nashville, TN
- **Associate Director - Webster University Office of Admissions**, St. Louis
- **Director of Program Development** for the Boys' Club of New York
- **Early Childhood Educator** at the Family Center in St. Louis
- **Lead Toddler Teacher** at Southeast Missouri State's Child Development Center
- **Child Life Specialist III** at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, CA
- **Restorative Justice Coordinator** for the Center for Women in Transition, St. Louis
- **Community Support Specialist** - Burrell Behavioral Health Child & Adolescent Services
- **County Extension Agent** in Family and Consumer Sciences at University of Arkansas
- **Marriage and Family Therapist** at McCambridge Center for Women
- **Therapist Dealing with Co-occurring Disorders** at Missouri Institute of Mental Health
- **Legislative Aid** for U.S. Senator in Washington, D.C.
- **Infant/Toddler Teacher** at Child Development Center of St. Louis Children's Hospital
- **Child Advocacy Center Clinical Coordinator** for Rainbow House
- **Owner and Director of Private Child Care Facility**
- **Intake Counselor** at the St. Louis Crisis Nursery
- **Foster Care Case Manager** for Boys and Girls Town of Missouri
- **Development Officer** for the University of Missouri Children's Hospital
- **Eligibility Specialist** for Section 8 Housing
- **Child and Family Advocate** at the Howard County Head Start
- **Special Events Coordinator** for the St. Louis Children's Hospital Foundation
- **Youth Advisor** for YMCA teen leadership program
- **Child Protection Caseworker** for Family Integrated Treatment Court
- **Employment and Training Coordinator** with Central Missouri Community Action
- **Director of Development** for Open Arms Pregnancy Resource Center
- **Child Life Specialist** at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Specialty
- **Pre-Kindergarten teacher** in an inclusion classroom
- **Director of Kay Senior Care Center**
- **Lead teacher** for a 4 to 5-year-old classroom at the YMCA
- **Family Specialist** with Division of Youth Services