
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... **FAMILY STUDIES**

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

Family Studies is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary field, exemplifying effective practice and scholarly inquiry that are sensitive and responsive to issues of cultural diversity. The scholarly work of the program extends to the community through collaboration with families, schools, social services agencies, businesses, public policy agendas and government entities. Faculty and students strive to be responsive to the evolving needs of external constituencies. The mission of the Family Studies program is to prepare professionals for participation in a complex and challenging society by working in arenas that endeavor to enhance individual and family strengths.

EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES & SUGGESTED STRATEGY:

Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

Preschool/Daycare: Teaching, Administration, church/religious organizations, Montessori schools, daycare centers, private homes, extended school programs, Head Start programs

Suggested Strategy: Develop physical stamina for working with children. Acquire certification/licensing for daycare and public school teaching. Obtain experience working with children through volunteerism or part-time jobs.

Community Services: Administration, Development Programming, Community centers, YMCA, YWCA, Consumer protection agencies, Summer camp programs, Programs servicing people with special needs, Hospitals, Rehabilitation organizations, Retirement homes, Adoption agencies

Suggested Strategy: Seek related work experience, particularly summer camps or special needs areas. Learn to work well with all types of people through volunteer or paid positions. Obtain Child Life Certification for some areas.

Social Services: Case management, Counseling, Administration Development, Group homes, Half-way houses, Youth services agencies, Senior citizen programs, Departments of Welfare and Health, Foundations and funding organizations

Suggested Strategy: Take counseling/social work courses as a minor or a double major. Obtain master's degree in counseling, social work, or rehabilitation counseling to provide therapy. Get graduate degree for most administrative positions. Learn federal, state, and local government job application process.

Education: Teaching, Research, Counseling, Administration, Home Economics, Vocational Rehabilitation, Parent-Child Education, Curriculum Development, Public and private schools, K-12, Public preschool programs, e.g., Head Start, Private preschool programs, Adult Education programs, Colleges and universities, Programs servicing children and adults with special needs, Montessori schools

Suggested Strategy: Acquire certification/licensing for public schoolteaching K-12. Obtain Ph.D. for college and university teachingand research. Acquire certification for daycare and parent-child education. Obtain graduate degree for counseling and administrative positions. Learn federal and state government job application process. Double major in Special Education.

Other Areas: Medical, Health and wellness agencies, Hospices, Business, banks and financial institutions, Insurance companies, Communications, Journalism, Advertising, Newspaper and magazines geared children and family, Government, Human/Social Services, Women's protective agencies

Suggested Strategy: Gain relevant experience through internships, volunteer positions, or part-time work in your area of interest. Consider earning a second degree, minor, or pursuing additional coursework in a complementary field of study. Focus on developing "transferable skills" such as computer competency, written/verbal communication, and project management.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & RESOURCES:

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	http://www.aafcs.org
American Council on Consumer Interest (ACCI)	http://consumerinterests.org
American Educational Research Association (AERA)	http://www.aera.net/
National Council of Family Relations (NCFR)	http://www.ncfr.com
American Psychological Association (APA)	http://www.apa.org/
American Evaluation Association (AEA)	http://www.eval.org/
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	http://www.naeyc.org/

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

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