

CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, MA

Admission Requirements

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 for four years of undergraduate study or 3.25 for the last two years of undergraduate study.
- Applicants to the Child and Family Development program with a 3.5 or higher undergraduate GPA are exempted from the Graduate Record Examination. For all other students completion of general Graduate Record Examination within the past five years preceding the application with the following scores: 147 on verbal, 141 on quantitative, and 4.0 on analytical writing.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Resume

The graduate faculty of the Department of Child and Family Development may require an interview with any applicant.

Accepted students will be expected to comply with the following requirements:

- Complete the course of study with a minimum of 39 credits.
- These credits will include:
 - foundation courses to prepare for research in child and family development as an interdisciplinary field;
 - core courses in the area of specialty;
 - option electives and cognate electives, selected in consultation with academic advisor, from within department or in another discipline. These are chosen to strengthen student's professional goals.
- Complete a master's thesis or a master's project. The thesis option involves the design and evaluation of original research in an appropriately related area commensurate with the student's background and area of pursuit. The project option involves the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of original and creative programs and/or resource materials with an outside organization.
- Apply for graduation upon successful completion of an approved prospectus or proposal for a thesis or project and by posted University graduation application deadlines (<https://www.uakron.edu/gradsch/docs/deadlines.pdf>).
- Pass an oral examination covering the thesis or project report.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		
3760:685	Research Methods in Child and Family Development	3
7400:604	Orientation to Graduate Studies in Family & Consumer Sciences	1
3980:526	Grantsmanship	3
Core Courses		
3760:602	Family in Lifespan Perspective	3
3760:605	Developmental Parent-Child Interactions	3
3760:607	Family Dynamics	3

3760:610	Child Development Theories	3
3760:665	Development in Infancy & Early Childhood	3
Option Electives		
Select six credits of the following with approval of advisor (if a course has been taken at the undergraduate level, other courses must be selected):		
3760:501	American Families in Poverty	
3760:504	Middle Childhood and Adolescence	
3760:506	Family Financial Management	
3760:540	Family Crisis	
3760:541	Family Relationships in Middle and Later Years	
3760:542	Human Sexuality	
3760:546	Culture, Ethnicity & Family	
3760:548	Before & After School Child Care	
3760:560	Organization & Supervision of Child Care Centers	
3760:561	Case Management for Children & Families I	
3760:562	Case Management for Children & Families II	
3760:563	Practicum in Cross-Systems Case Management for Children & Families	
3760:585	Seminar in Family & Consumer Sciences	
3760:594	Practicum in Parent & Family Education	
3760:596	Parent Education	
7400:688	Practicum in Family & Consumer Sciences	
1820:503	Home-Based Intervention Theory	
1820:504	Home-Based Intervention Techniques & Practice	
1820:505	Home-Based Intervention Internship	
Cognate Electives		
Select six credits with approval of advisor from within the Department of Child and Family Development, or from a cognate area outside the department, or from a combination of the two.		
Thesis or Project		
7400:694	Masters Project	5
or 7400:699	Masters Thesis	
Total Hours		39