

# CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES

What can I do with this degree?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	PREPARATION
<b>PRE-SCHOOL / DAYCARE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching</li> <li>• Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious organizations</li> <li>• Montessori schools</li> <li>• Private, public, franchise, and corporate day care centers</li> <li>• Private homes</li> <li>• Family day care</li> <li>• Extended school programs</li> <li>• Preschools</li> <li>• Head Start programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Develop physical stamina for working with children.</li> <li>❖ Acquire appropriate certification or licensure for day care and public school teaching.</li> <li>❖ Obtain experience working with children through volunteering or part-time jobs.</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate patience with children and the ability to work well with people of various backgrounds.</li> <li>❖ Develop strong communications skills to deal effectively with parents.</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Programming</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community centers</li> <li>• YMCA or YWCA</li> <li>• Consumer protection agencies</li> <li>• Summer camp programs</li> <li>• Adult day care providers</li> <li>• Hospitals</li> <li>• Rehabilitation organizations</li> <li>• Religious organizations</li> <li>• Adoption agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Seek related work experience, particularly summer camps or special needs areas.</li> <li>❖ Learn to work well with all types of people through volunteer or paid positions.</li> <li>❖ Obtain Child Life Certification for some areas.</li> <li>❖ Develop strong presentation and public speaking skills.</li> <li>❖ Be willing to wear multiple hats within an organization.</li> <li>❖ Learn how to write grants.</li> <li>❖ Develop research and writing skills.</li> </ul>
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Management</li> <li>• Counseling</li> <li>• Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profit and nonprofit organizations focused on children, youth, families, or senior citizens</li> <li>• Adult and child day care providers</li> <li>• Group homes</li> <li>• Half-way houses</li> <li>• Youth services agencies</li> <li>• Senior citizens' programs</li> <li>• Foundations and funding organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Supplement curriculum with courses in social work, sociology, or psychology.</li> <li>❖ Obtain a master's degree and appropriate licensure in mental health counseling, social work, or rehabilitation counseling to provide therapy.</li> <li>❖ Earn a graduate degree to obtain most administrative positions.</li> <li>❖ Gain experience through volunteer positions or internships.</li> </ul>
<b>EDUCATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Early Childhood Education</li> <li>○ Early Childhood Special Education</li> <li>○ Home Economics</li> <li>○ Family and Consumer Sciences</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Curriculum Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public and private schools (K-12)</li> <li>• Public preschool programs (e.g., Head Start)</li> <li>• Private preschool programs</li> <li>• Montessori schools</li> <li>• Adult education programs</li> <li>• Colleges and universities</li> <li>• Programs servicing children and adults with special needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Acquire appropriate certification for public school teaching.</li> <li>❖ Obtain Ph.D. for college and university teaching and research opportunities.</li> <li>❖ Acquire certification for day care and parent-child education.</li> <li>❖ Obtain graduate degree for counseling, student affairs, and administrative positions.</li> <li>❖ Find part-time or summer jobs working with children.</li> <li>❖ Serve as a tutor, peer mentor, resident assistant or student advisor.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>EDUCATION (Continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Counseling</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• College Student Affairs</li> <li>• Parent-Child Education</li> </ul>		
<p><b>MEDICAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Care Programs</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals</li> <li>• Healthcare facilities</li> <li>• Health and wellness agencies</li> <li>• Hospices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Earn a master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, or related areas for the most opportunities.</li> <li>❖ Obtain experience in advocacy.</li> <li>❖ Acquire licensing or certification for some areas.</li> <li>❖ Volunteer in a healthcare setting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management</li> <li>• Sales</li> <li>• Customer Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing companies of children's clothes, toys, furniture, and food</li> <li>• Department and retail stores</li> <li>• Service organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Minor in business; develop skills in areas such as management, marketing or sales.</li> <li>❖ Secure leadership positions on campus.</li> <li>❖ Get related experience through internships or part-time jobs.</li> <li>❖ Build computer skills in word processing, database management, and spreadsheet programs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Public Relations</li> <li>• Writing</li> <li>• Editing</li> <li>• Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizations geared toward children and family including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Book publishers</li> <li>○ Professional associations</li> <li>○ Radio and TV stations</li> <li>○ Nonprofit organizations</li> <li>○ Manufacturers</li> <li>○ Newspapers</li> <li>○ Magazines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Minor or double major in a communications field.</li> <li>❖ Develop excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.</li> <li>❖ Submit articles or books for publication.</li> <li>❖ Work for campus publications or radio stations.</li> <li>❖ Complete internships with related organizations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GOVERNMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Services</li> <li>• Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Program Coordination</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Program Evaluation</li> <li>• Legislation</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal, state and local government agencies (i.e., Departments of Health, Education and Welfare, Criminal Justice Departments, Sanitation, Fire/Safety, Nutrition, and Cooperative Extension)</li> <li>• Vocational rehabilitation</li> <li>• Mental health agencies</li> <li>• Military child care programs</li> <li>• Overseas child care and education programs</li> <li>• Health and wellness agencies</li> <li>• Women's protective agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Take additional courses in area of interest.</li> <li>❖ Develop strong presentation and public speaking skills.</li> <li>❖ Obtain specialized training for opportunities in protective services or law enforcement.</li> <li>❖ Complete an internship with a government organization.</li> <li>❖ Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures.</li> </ul>

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STRATEGIES	LINKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Earn good grades. Grades are an indicator of technical competence in accounting and of a person's work ethic.</li><li>• Actively participate in student organizations to develop leadership skills.</li><li>• Bachelor's degree is sufficient for entry-level positions.</li><li>• Advanced degrees are essential for clinical and therapeutic counseling positions.</li><li>• Master's degree or Ph.D. is often needed for administrative and supervisory positions.</li><li>• Ph.D. is required for college teaching and advanced research positions.</li><li>• Additional or specialized training qualifies one for higher paying and positions of greater responsibility.</li><li>• Obtain part-time, summer, internship, or volunteer experience in child care, schools, hospitals, camps, or overseas programs or in advocacy or service-oriented programs dealing with alcoholism, drug abuse, family violence, aging, poor, or disabled populations.</li><li>• Obtain certification in CPR, safety, and first aid for adults, children, and infants.</li><li>• Develop interest and gain experience in computers, arts, crafts, music, or physical activity.</li><li>• Obtain certification for specialized areas including Child Life Specialist or Child Advocacy.</li></ul>	<p><a href="#"><u>American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>National Child Care Information Center</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>American Counseling Association</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>National Board for Certified Counselors</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Social Work and Social Services Jobs Online</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Careers in Child and Family Policy</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Childcare Workers from the Occupational Outlook Handbook</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Counselors from the Occupational Outlook Handbook</u></a></p>