

# LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES



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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences supports the university and college mission statements. The school sees its strengths in its high-quality teaching, engagement with the education and human service community, and scholarly activity leading to knowledge and skills for the attainment of a professional career in the fields of counseling and counselor education, educational and school psychology, instructional technology, human development and family studies, gerontology, rehabilitative counseling and special education. The school is committed to enhancing the quality of social and personal life for the citizens of Ohio, the nation and the world through the professional preparation and development of competent scholars and practitioners within a range of specializations. In addition, the school is committed to the nurturance of creativity, inquiry and breadth of perspective in students.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES (HDFS)

The Human Development and Family Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary approach to individual and family development across the lifespan. We focus on child and adolescent development, adult development and aging, biological/social/psychological aspects of human development, family processes, intervention research and developmental research methods.

The baccalaureate degree program in human development and family studies provides students with an understanding of human development and family relationships across the lifespan. The human development and family studies curriculum prepares graduates for professional careers related to working with children, youth, adults and families in social and human service settings.

Core coursework focuses on lifespan development (from infancy through old age) and family issues and processes. All students complete an internship or practicum as part of their academic requirements.

Each student selects one of six available concentrations: child and youth development, family life education, case management for individuals and families, gerontology, nursing home administration and human services technology (available only for associate degree students).

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#### CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

Prepares students for working with children and youth in nonschool settings, such as: residential treatment, group care, community youth services, foster care and after-school programs. The curriculum is aligned with professional competencies established by the Child and Youth Care Certification Board Inc. and prepares students for provisional certification as child and youth care professionals.

#### FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION:

Prepares students for providing educational programming to parents, couples and families in settings such as domestic violence and homeless shelters, social services agencies, Head Start and Help Me Grow programs. The curriculum was developed using the standards set by the National Council on Family Relations to enable graduates to apply to become Certified Family Life Educators (CFLE). The CFLE designation provides documentation of the high-quality of the academic and professional preparation that graduates of the Human Development and Family Studies Program receive.

#### CASE MANAGEMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES:

Provides training for performing assessment, advocacy and case management in a variety of social services settings such as county departments of job and family services, rehabilitation centers, juvenile court and area agencies on aging.

#### GERONTOLOGY:

A concentration in gerontology prepares graduates for professional positions in the diverse field of aging. The gerontology curriculum is designed to provide students with a solid understanding of typical age-related changes and how those changes affect a person physiologically, psychologically and socially.

#### NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION:

The nursing home administration program at Kent State is focused on preparing you to become a successful professional in the field of long-term health care. The job market for graduates is very strong due to the rapidly increasing number of aging Americans. The number of older adults living in nursing homes, assisted living and retirement communities is predicted to double in the next 10 years.

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#### HUMAN SERVICES TECHNOLOGY:

This concentration is available only to students who have completed the associate degree in human services technology at Kent State University at Salem.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Program is dedicated to preparing tomorrow's teachers of exceptional learners. The program consists of three teacher licensure areas for ages 5 through 21: deaf education, mild/moderate educational needs and moderate/intensive educational needs. We also offer the baccalaureate degree in educational interpreter. The educational interpreter curriculum is designed to prepare interpreters to work with children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) in an educational setting. The program prepares graduates to interpret in both classroom and nonclassroom settings and to perform related student support activities including subject-matter tutoring and other tasks under the supervision of a licensed or certified classroom teacher.

The National Center on Personnel Studies in Special Education reports a critical national shortage of special education teachers, administrators and related personnel. More than 50,000 teachers are needed to solve this shortage, with 98 percent of the nation's largest school districts reporting shortages. Jobs await you in Ohio and across the country.

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## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences offers graduate degree programs leading to master's degrees in the following areas: clinical mental health counseling, gerontology, human development and family studies, instructional technology, rehabilitation counseling, school counseling and special education. The educational specialist degree is available in counseling and human development services, school psychology and special education. The Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in counseling and human development services, educational psychology, school psychology and special education.

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## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN TRANSITION AND EMPLOYMENT

The Center for Innovation in Transition and Employment provides leadership in the College of Education, Health and Human Services and across the region for developing successful transition practices which lead to positive outcomes for people with disabilities.

Organizationally, the center administers transition, personal development and demonstration grants and serves as an interdepartmental collaborative that supports interdisciplinary activities across special education, career and technical education and rehabilitation. With almost 20 years of experience in providing interdisciplinary programs in transition, the center developed many collaborative relationships for developing new and experienced teachers, coordinators and leadership personnel.

### CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN NONPROFIT/HUMAN SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Nonprofit organizations play an increasingly important role in society at the local, national and international levels. Those organizations need employees who are prepared and certified to meet the needs of the diverse population being served.

Students pursuing an undergraduate degree or post-undergraduate study in any

academic area are qualified to complete the requirements for certification. The certification can be completed entirely online with the exception of the 300-contact-hour internship, which must be completed at a nonprofit organization.

### COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Counseling and Human Development Center provides personal counseling and human development services to members of the Kent State University community (students, faculty, staff and family members) and to area residents. Services provided include individual, couple, family, child and group counseling for developmentally-related concerns. Counseling sessions are FREE to the Kent State community; a nominal fee is charged to the public. The fee can be waived if necessary. Services are provided by master's- and doctoral-level graduate students preparing for professional licensure as clinical counselors.

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Human Development Center provides graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in interdisciplinary research and community service projects. Projects sponsored by the Human Development Center focus on all stages of the life span.

The Center for Disability Studies is an interdisciplinary institute whose mission is to promote a full understanding of the lived experience of disability across the life span. The center is composed of 16 federal and private foundation projects, with a budget of approximately \$2.7 million. Faculty members, graduate students and project staff in special education, school psychology and rehabilitation counseling are currently affiliated with the center. Projects include research, personnel preparation, demonstration and community service initiatives, and they feature such topics as deaf education, inclusion of children with disabilities in public schools, early childhood special education, multiple sclerosis, job development and placement services, psychiatric rehabilitation, educational and vocational assessment, interpreter training, transition from school to work, and postsecondary education and disability. For more information, contact Dr. Phil Rumrill at [prumrill@kent.edu](mailto:prumrill@kent.edu).

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