Family and Child Studies / Family Life Educator, M.S.
The master's degree in Family and Child Studies / Family Life Educator prepares students to apply for the certified in Family Life Educator credential from the National Council on Family Relations. The Certified Child and Parenting Specialist credential is also available to those graduates who successfully complete the required examination and internships. The UCO Child Study Center provides the practical opportunities for programs with hands-on experience and research. Internship and Practicum requirements are a part of all three programs, as well as a required number of prerequisites. The FCS - Family Life Educator Program has national academic program approval from the National Council on Family Relations.

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Admission Requirements
Submit the following items to:
Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

• Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
• Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show: *
  ◦ A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
  ◦ Completion of the following prerequisite courses: FMCD 2213 or PTE 4133, FMCD 2223, FMCD 3313, and FMCD 4413
• Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency (p.15).
• Applicants will be required to complete a writing-sample session. These are given once each semester.

  *Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See Admissions to Graduate Studies (p.13).

Other Requirements
• Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
• Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
  ◦ Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  ◦ No more than six hours of “C”.
  ◦ No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.

Graduation Requirements
Required Courses ..........................................................18 Hours
Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title
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ESFR 5013 | Foundations of Educational Research
FMCD 5023 | Theories in Family & Child Studies
FMCD 5043 | Family Dynamics and Sexuality
FMCD 5363 | Life Span Development in FMCD
FMCD 5373 | Ethics & Issues in Family & Child Studies
FMCD 5543 | Leadership, Comm and Advocacy

Required Family Life Educator Courses .....................16 Hours
Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title
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FMCD 5011 | Orientation to Graduate Studies
FMCD 5423 | Linking Family and Community
FMCD 5523 | Family Law and Public Policy
FMCD 5713 | Parent Support and Intervention
SAS 5xx3 | Selected Substance Abuse course
FACS 5453 | Consumer Management

Internship or Thesis .................................................... 6-7 Hours
Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title
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ESFR 5403 | Educational Statistics AND
FMCD 5990 | Thesis (4 credit hours), OR
FMCD 5950 | Internship (400 hours) (6 credit hours)

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ..................................40-41 HOURS