Family and Child Studies / Infant/Child Specialist, M.S.

Infant Mental Health Endorsement

The M.S. in Family and Child Studies / Infant/Child Specialist prepares students for the certification examination in Family Life Education 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 these 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.

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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, FMCD 3723, FMCD 3813, FMCD 4874, and three undergraduate hours in statistics

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

• 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.

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 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 6 hours of "C".
  ◦ No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses

• Thesis. If applicable, complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it in public, two paper copies of the thesis and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest and the thesis’ title page, original signature page, and abstract page to the JCGS.
• Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.................................................. 21 Hours

Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title
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FMCD | 5023 | Theories in Family & Child Studies
FMCD | 5043 | Family Dynamics and Sexuality
FMCD | 5363 | Ethics & Issues in Family and Child Studies
FMCD | 5373 | Life Span Development in FMCD
FMCD | 5423 | Linking Family and Community
FMCD | 5543 | Leadership, Comm and Advocacy
ESFR | 5013 | Foundations of Educational Research

Guided Electives.................................................. 17-18 Hours

Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title
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FMCD | 5011 | Orientation to Graduate Studies
FMCD | 5102 | Case Management
FMCD | 5342 | Infant Mental Health
FMCD | 5712 | Parent Education, OR
ECED | 5063 | Dev., Learn, Fam Involv Birth Thru 3
SOC | 5463 | The Abused
SPED | 5910 | Seminar (3 hrs) approved by program director
SPED | 5432 | Attention Deficit Hyper Disorder
SPED | 5572 | Autism and TBI

Internship or Thesis ........................................... 6-7 Hours

Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title
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ESFR | 5403 | Educational Statistics (only if writing Thesis)
FMCD | 5990 | Thesis (4-credit hours), OR
FMCD | 5950 | Internship (400 hours) 6 credit hours - 2 semesters, (must have a 3.0 GPA in major course work to apply for internship)

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED .................................. 44-46 HOURS