

Program: Family and Child Studies **Dept:** Human Environmental Science
Major: Family and Child Studies - Infant/Child Specialist **College:** Education and Professional Studies
Degree: Master of Science (M.S.) **Major Code:** 3654

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

Infant Mental Health Endorsement

The master's degree 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 3313, FMCD 3723, FMCD 3813, FMCD 4874, and three undergraduate hours in statistics
- Applicants will be required to complete a writing-sample session. These are given once each semester.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their 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
- 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
FMCD	5023	Theories in Family and Child Studies
FMCD	5043	Family Dynamics and Sexuality
FMCD	5363	Ethics and 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
FMCD	5653	Research in Professional Studies OR
ESFR	5013	Foundations of Educational Research

Guided Electives.....20 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FMCD	5011	Orientation to Graduate Studies
FMCD	5102	Case Management
FMCD	5523	Family Law and Public Policy
FMCD	5122	Early Intervention with Infant & Toddler
FMCD	5342	Infant Mental Health
SOC	5463	The Abused
SPED	5432	Attention Deficit Hyper Disorder
SPED	5572	Autism and TBI

Internship or Thesis 3-4 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FMCD	5793	Capstone in Family Science (200 hours) OR
FMCD	5990	Thesis (4-credit hours)

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 44-45 HOURS