

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Career Paths

Students from many different majors benefit from the knowledge and experience they gain from HDFS courses. The working knowledge and skillset one gains through minoring in HDFS is helpful for all kinds of students by guiding them to lead healthy and productive lives, to work well with others, and excel in their careers. A minor in HDFS is especially helpful if you are interested and passionate about improving the lives of individuals, families, and/or communities through the work you aspire to do.

Careers

HDFS is a great minor if you plan to pursue work in:

- Health and human service professions
- Early Childhood Development/Education settings
- Program Administration and advocacy
- Counseling, social work, or other direct service work
- Program Administration, management, and other business careers
- Human resources and organizational leadership
- Public policy, equity, and advocacy
- Research

Students minoring in HDFS are encouraged to customize their HDFS course selection to align with their specific interests.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A MINOR IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES (<https://hhd.psu.edu/hdfs/undergraduate/careers-hdfs-majors>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

The HDFS minor, when combined with an appropriate major field of study, can provide useful preparation for graduate school in the social, behavioral, and health sciences. In recent years, HDFS students have pursued graduate studies in:

- Counseling (e.g., school counseling, counseling psychology)
- Social work
- Health professions (e.g., nursing, occupational therapy, medicine)
- Psychology and Human Development & Family Studies
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Law and business

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