

# MAJOR IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONS CONCENTRATION

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The courses in the Early Childhood Professions concentration prepare students for careers in early childhood education as well as professional work with children across a variety of settings, including working with children with disabilities, in healthcare settings, and community agencies. This concentration focuses on early childhood development from birth to eight years old and therefore is an ideal choice for first and second year HDFS majors who plan to apply to the competitive on-campus Major in Early Childhood Education (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/early-childhood-education-major/>) during their sophomore year.

This concentration is also the preferred choice for students interested in early childhood education careers that do not require teacher licensure, for students who will pursue a graduate degree and licensure in childhood education, and those interested in combining this concentration with another concentration in pre-health, prevention and intervention sciences, or leadership and advocacy professions. Students interested in working with children with special needs, those seeking director qualifications in early childhood education, and those seeking other relevant credentials would also benefit from choosing this concentration. The curriculum incorporates courses from several disciplines that focus on early childhood development, education, diversity, and professional skills.

Learn more about the Human Development and Family Studies major on the Department of Human Development and Family Studies website. (<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/hdfs/programs-and-degrees/b-s-in-human-development-and-family-studies/>)