

CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MENTORING WITH CAMPUS CONNECTIONS



Campus Connections (CC) Youth Mentoring program is a nationally recognized, award winning, high-impact, multidisciplinary, service-learning experience offered for credit through Human Development and Family Studies at CSU. CC is a structured mentoring program that promotes undergraduate student success at CSU and after graduation, particularly for underrepresented groups of students; promotes the resilience and life success of at-risk youth; prepares clinical graduate students for diverse settings; and responds to community initiatives to better serve at-risk youth and their families.

The 9-credit undergraduate certificate in Youth Mentoring with Campus Connections enables students to develop invaluable professional skills, gain significant experience with adolescents, and evolve as leaders. Based on multiple semesters of involvement with CC, many students launch their careers working with youth in education, social services, criminal justice, and other relevant professions. The CC experience often serves as the focus of their graduate school essays and is highlighted during interviews with employers setting them apart from their peers.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Critically examine issues concerning youth and adolescent development and appropriately apply theories of mentoring.
2. Analyze models of power, privilege, bias, oppression, diversity, and social justice to better understand their own identity and experiences of those with identities other than their own.
3. Develop leadership skills including group activity facilitation, redirection, case record-keeping, and experience with youth.
4. Understand the inner workings of youth mentoring programs, including youth recruitment, case management, mentor training, leadership development, and community partnerships.

Learn more about the Certificate in Youth Mentoring on the Campus Connections program website. (<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/cc/csu-student-involvement/certificate-in-youth-mentoring-with-campus-connections/>)

Requirements Effective Fall 2020

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
HDFS 470A	Campus Connections–Mentoring At-Risk Youth: Youth Mentor ¹	3
Select two courses from the following (or 6 credits if variable credit):		6
HDFS 470A	Campus Connections–Mentoring At-Risk Youth: Youth Mentor ¹	
HDFS 470B	Campus Connections–Mentoring At-Risk Youth: Mentor Coach	
HDFS 470C	Campus Connections–Mentoring At-Risk Youth: Program Administration	
HDFS 488A	Internship: Human Development and Family Studies ²	
HDFS 488C	Internship: Pre-Health ²	
HDFS 488D	Internship: Prevention/Intervention Science ²	
HDFS 488E	Internship: Leadership ²	
HDFS 497G	Group Study: Human Development ³	
HDFS 498A	Research: Human Development ⁴	
PSY 488	Field Placement ²	
SOWK 488	Field Placement ²	
Program Total Credits:		9

¹ Only six credits of HDFS 470A may be applied to the certificate.

² Only internships with Campus Connections are eligible. May substitute other departmental internships with Campus Connections approval.

³ Participation in the Campus Connections Learning Community is required for registration into HDFS 497G.

⁴ Participation in Campus Connections research is required for registration into HDFS 498A.