

Family Support/Provisional Certified Family Life Educator

This specialization is for students interested in working with children, adolescents, and adults either as individuals or as families. Students develop knowledge and skills to prepare them to provide family support, direct services, and family life education.

Students in this specialization are encouraged to participate in the provisional CFLE component. The National Council on Family Relations has approved the UNH Department of Family Studies undergraduate program as meeting the Standards and Criteria required for the *Provisional Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE)* designation. Certified Family Life Educators work in a variety of settings including social services, health services, childcare, family support, youth programs, parent education programs, junior and senior high schools, and universities and colleges. The CFLE designation recognizes expertise in the broad range of issues that constitute family life education and increases credibility by validating the individual's education and experience. Students may apply for provisional CFLE designation to NCFR upon completion of required coursework.

Departmental Requirements

*(*These courses are required for a provisional CFLE designation.)*

FS 525*	Human Development
FS 545*	Family Relations
FS 641*	Parenting Across the Life Span
FS 746*	Human Sexuality
FS 757*	Race, Class, Gender, and Families
FS 760*	Family Programs and Policies
FS 794*	Families and the Law

One course from group one and one course from either group 2 or 3:

1. FS 553* Personal and Family Finance for Family Life Professionals
 FS 653* Family Economics
2. FS 623 Developmental Perspectives on Infancy and Early Childhood
 FS 624 Developmental Perspectives on Adolescence and Early Adulthood
3. FS 772 International Approaches to Child Advocacy
 FS 773 International Perspectives on Children and Families
 FS 797 Special Topics (as approved by advisor)

Major Requirements

PSYCH 402 **or** SOC 502 **or** HHS 540

Supporting Courses

FS 776 Children, Adolescents, and the Law (not offered every year)

Students accepted into the CFLE Program are required to complete the Family Internship, including the Family Internship courses:

FS 782* Family Internship
FS 792* Seminar for Family Interns

Gerontology Minor

Research Methods course (e.g., PSYCH 502)

NURS 535

PSYCH 552, 582

SOC 525, 540, 675

SW 524, 525, 697A, 697B, 697C

CMN 530 **or** PSYCH 762

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Internship

Family Internship (FS 782) students will apply knowledge gained from their academic studies in a supervised environment. The internship involves a commitment of sixteen hours per week for two semesters, plus a three-hour seminar (FS 792) every other week. In addition, some organizations may require a criminal background check before placement is finalized. Arrangements for criminal background checks are the responsibility of the student and the requesting organization, not the Department of Family Studies. Students apply for the internship during spring semester of their junior year. **If you are planning to study abroad as well as complete the Family Internship, you must speak with Corinna Tucker or Elizabeth Dolan prior to making plans to go abroad.** Internship applicants must have completed a minimum of twenty credits of departmental coursework prior to their senior year with a minimum departmental GPA of 3.0. Internship courses (782/792) count toward the twenty credits required in supporting courses.

Students are responsible for insuring they have met all requirements.