What can I do with my Major?

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

UCONN DEPARTMENT:
Human Development & Family Studies

To learn more about this major check out the department website or schedule a meeting with an academic advisor.

NATURE OF WORK

Human Development and Family Studies graduates work in environments that help clients obtain benefits or services. Human services workers play a variety of roles in community settings. They organize and lead group activities, assist clients in need of counseling or crisis intervention, or administer a food bank or emergency fuel program. Working conditions of human services workers may vary. Many spend part of their time in an office or group residential facility, with the rest of their time spent in the field visiting clients or taking them on trips, or meeting with people who provide services to the clients.

HDFS prepares graduates with transferable skills and qualities that can be beneficial in a variety of industries and careers.

Transferable skills and qualities include:

Writing/Communication, Quantitative Reasoning, Critical Thinking/Problem Solving, Leadership/Teamwork, Diversity

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
American Human Services Association
American Psychological Association
American Public Human Services Association
American School Counselors Association
American Mental Health Counselors Association
Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development
Child Life Council
National Association of Social Workers
National Council on Family Relations
National Employment Counseling Association

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

4-H Program Assistant
Adult Education Instructor
Advocacy and Nursing Home Transition Coordinator
Business Manager
Camp Director
Case Manager
Child Care Director
Clinical Research Associate
Community Activist
Community Outreach Coordinator
Community Support Specialist
Corrections Officer
Counselor: Mental Health, School
County Extension Agent
Curriculum Development Specialist
Educational Therapist
Grant Writer
Health Educator
Human Resources
Marketing Coordinator
Marriage and Family Therapist
Maternal and Child Health
Occupational Therapist Aide
Parent-Child Educator
Patient Care Advocate
Program Coordinator
Program Director
Research Technician
Residential Counselor
Social Services Case Manager
Social Worker
Teacher/Instructor
Training Specialist
Victim Assistance Coordinator
Youth Minister
Youth Program Coordinator

Click here to see how alumni with this degree used their transferable skills to become employed in multiple industries.

UCONN RESOURCES

Best Buddies
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Community Outreach Office
Community Service & Working with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
Family Studies Undergraduate Committee
ONE Campaign at UConn
Psychology Club

Additional organizations (and the most current information) can be found at the UConn Student Activities website.

National Human Services Assembly
National Organization for Human Services
National Rehabilitation Counseling Association