

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Family Sciences**  
**GRADUATE ADMISSION INFORMATION**

**Programs of Study Offered**

- M.S. Child Development
- M.S. Counseling and Development (Required courses for professional licensure or School Counselor certification is offered).
- M.S. Dual Degree Counseling and Development and Music
- M.Ed. Early Childhood Education
- M.S. Family Studies
- M.S. Family Therapy
- Ph.D. Child Development
- Ph.D. Family Studies
- Ph.D. Family Therapy

**Admission Application**

Submit the following to the TWU Office of Student Records in order to form a complete application:

1. Online TEXAS COMMON APPLICATION with a \$50.00 fee for any applicant new to the Graduate School. <https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/commonapp.WBX>
2. Official undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts to:

Texas Woman's University  
Office of Student Records  
P.O. Box 425649  
Denton, TX 76204

3. The Office of Student Records will forward complete applications to the Department of Family Sciences for review.

**PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS\***

**Child Development – MS**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to master's study, the last 60 hours of undergraduate and/or graduate work is used to calculate a GPA. The Child Development master's requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for admission consideration.

**Child Development – PhD**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to the Child Development doctoral program, the applicant's final GPA on their master's work must be 3.0 or higher for admission consideration.
2. GRE (Graduate Record Examination)  
For admission to the doctoral program in Child Development (PhD), the GRE score is required.

**Counseling and Development – Community Counseling - M.S.**

**Counseling and Development – School Counseling – M.S.**

**Dual Degree Counseling and Development and Music**

**(Required courses for professional licensure or School Counselor certification are also offered).**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to master's study, the last 60 hours of undergraduate and/or graduate work is used to calculate a GPA. The Counseling and Development program requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for admission consideration.
2. Students applying for "certification only" in Counseling and Development must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on their master's degree for admission consideration.
3. Counseling and Development (including "certification only") requires a successful rating on an interview with program faculty. Applicants will be contacted about interviews after their applications are completed and reviewed by program faculty.

**Early Childhood Education - M.Ed.**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to master's study, the last 60 hours of undergraduate and/or graduate work is used to calculate a GPA. Early Childhood Education requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for consideration of admission.

**Family Studies – M.S.**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to master's study, the last 60 hours of undergraduate and/or graduate work is used to calculate a GPA. Family Studies program requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for admission consideration.
2. A letter of intent and vita (resume) are required. Letter of Intent Guidelines are located at <http://www.twu.edu/family-sciences/family-studies.asp>.
3. Non-degree seeking status is not allowed; admission to the program is required before earning credit towards the degree.

**Family Studies – Ph.D.**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to the Family Studies doctoral program, the applicant's final GPA on their master's work must be 3.0 or higher for admission consideration.
2. Applicants must submit a letter of intent and vita (resume). Letter of Intent Guidelines are located at <http://www.twu.edu/family-sciences/family-studies.asp>

The preferred method for receiving these documents is as attachments emailed to [famsci@twu.edu](mailto:famsci@twu.edu). If unable to do that, they can be mailed to:

Family Studies Admissions  
Department of Family Sciences  
Texas Woman's University  
P.O. Box 425769  
Denton, TX 76204-5769

3. Non-degree seeking status is not allowed; admission to the program is required before earning credit towards the degree.

### **Family Therapy – M.S.**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to master's study, the last 60 hours of undergraduate and/or graduate work is used to calculate a GPA. Family Therapy requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the last 60 hours of study for admission consideration.
2. Family Therapy requires the successful completion of the Applicant Interview Day. The day includes writing an essay on an assigned topic, a therapist – client role play, and a small group interview with faculty.

### **Family Therapy – Ph.D.**

1. Student's Grade Point Average  
For admission to the Family Therapy doctoral program, the applicant's final GPA on their master's work must be 3.50 or higher for admission consideration.
2. Family Therapy requires a successful rating on an interview with program faculty. Applicants will be contacted about interviews after their applications are completed and have been reviewed by program faculty.

### **If you have any further questions, please write or call:**

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**\* Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission to a particular program.**