

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
Department of Family Sciences
Ph.D. in Early Child Development and Education
60 hours

PREREQUISITES:

Completed Master's degree

The following courses or equivalencies:

FS 5113 Theories of Human Development

FS 5193* Statistics

FS 5693** Research Methods

Child Development Specialization

FS 5003 Lifespan Human Development

FS 5123 Theories of the Family

ECE Specialization

FS 5213 Curriculum Development in Early Childhood

FS 5223 Child Growth and Human Development in Early Childhood

FAMILY SCIENCES DOCTORAL CORE: (12 hours)

FS 6403** Theory Building in Family Sciences

FS 6413** Current Research and Issues in Family Sciences

FS 6423** Readings in Family Sciences

FS 6003 Advanced Study of the Lifespan

RESEARCH CORE: (15 hours)

FS 6693* Advanced Quantitative Research Methods

FS 6793* Advanced Qualitative Research Methods

FS 6873* Applied Multivariate Statistics for Family Sciences

FS 6983/93** Dissertation

EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CORE (12)

FS 6513 Language and Cognitive Development

FS 6653** Seminar in Developmental Theory

FS 6673 Advanced Seminar in Early Childhood

FS 6923** Research in Family Sciences (with consent of advisor)

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIZATION (12 hours)

Choose 4 from the following:

- FS 5223 Child Growth and Human Development in Early Childhood
- FS 5243 Adolescents in the Family
- FS 5593 Play, Development, and the Young Learner
- FS 5643 The Development of Infants and Toddlers
- FS 5613 Child Guidance

OR

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION: (12 hours)

- FS 6623 Social and Cultural Dimensions of Early Language Development
- FS 6663 Foundations in Early Childhood Education

Choose 2 from the following

- FS 5263** Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood
- FS 5283 Technology and the Young Learner
- FS 5783 Issues in Early Childhood Research and Evaluation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT : (9 hours)

Choose 3 from the following:

- FS 6593 Practicum in Family Sciences (with consent of advisor)
- FS 6433** Grants Writing in Family Sciences
- FS 6903 Effective Online Teaching
- FS 6903 Advanced Academic Life
- FS 6903** Professional Seminar

Notes:

1. With additional hours, a student may prepare to work with specific populations or increase research tools.
2. All degree plans must comply with graduate school requirements as presented in the catalog. At a minimum, programs must consist of 90 graduate credit hours (master's and doctoral level combined), which includes at least 30 hours of identified research focused coursework** and 12 hours Graduate School required research tools*.
3. Students are required to have on their degree plan committee at least two faculty members from their program component.
4. At least 50% of doctoral coursework must be taken face to face.