

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Family Sciences**  
**Ph.D. in Child Development**  
**(63 hours) + 12 hours of Research Tools or competencies**

**PREREQUISITES:**

Relevant Master's degree.

Course work equivalent to the Master's Core:

FS 5003      Lifespan Human Development  
FS 5113      Theories of Human Development  
FS 5123\*     Theories of the Family

**DOCTORAL CORE:** (12 hours)

FS 6003\*     Advanced Study of the Lifespan  
FS 6403      Theory Building in Family Sciences  
FS 6413      Current Research and Issues in Family Sciences  
FS 6423      Readings in Family Sciences

**RESEARCH:**      (15 hours)

FS 6693      Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Family Sciences  
FS 6793      Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Family Sciences  
Doctoral level Statistics  
FS 6983/93   Dissertation

**CONTENT SPECIALIZATION:** (21 hours)

Five of the following:

FS 5023\*     Family Sexuality **or** FS 5253 Gender Role Development  
FS 5243      Adolescents in the Family  
FS 5533\*     Parenting Education  
FS 5613      Child Guidance  
FS 5643      The Development of Infants and Toddlers  
FS 6513      Language and Cognitive Development in Young Children

Two of the following:

FS 5233\*     Communication in Marriage and Family  
FS 5573      Family Crises  
FS 5883      Family of Origin

\* Courses recommended to meet Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) requirements.

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**PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES:** (15 hours)

Five of the following:

FS 5133	Family Law
FS 5153*	Family Changes and Diversity
FS 5593	Child Development Curriculum in Context
FS 5653	Program Planning and Development in Early Childhood
FS 5663	Leadership and Staff Development in Family Sciences Programs
FS 5673	Administration and Management of Young Children's Programs
FS 5823*	Families and Public Policy
FS 5833*	Family Economics
FS 5843*	Teaching Family Sciences
FS 6433	Grants Writing in Family Sciences
FS 6593	Practicum in Family Sciences

**Notes:**

1. With additional hours, a student may prepare to work with specific populations.
2. Courses can be used to satisfy requirements in only one category.
3. 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, which includes 30 hours of research coursework (dissertation, research methods, statistics, etc.).
4. The university-required research tools (12 hours) are in addition to the minimum 90 graduate credit hours.
5. Students are required to have on their degree plan committees a minimum of two faculty members from their program component.

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