

The Campus

A major university in an intimate campus setting, Penn State York has small classes, extensive computer facilities, e-mail accounts for all students, day and evening advising services, a library with all the resources of the entire University, and a Learning Center that offers tutoring and study skills workshops. In addition to a challenging academic life, the campus also offers a full range of student organizations, and athletic teams and facilities.

Most importantly, students work closely with distinguished faculty, all of whom are involved in the latest research in their areas of specialization.



Penn State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity university.

Associate Degree in Human Development and Family Studies

a two-year
degree program
at Penn State York



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Preparing You for the Future



Penn State's Health and Human Development programs take a combined approach to health, development, and well being of individuals and families. The programs seek to improve the quality of human life through the three missions of conducting research, providing education for students who are planning professional careers in the field, and offering outreach programs for health-services professionals and the general public.

The two-year Associate Degree in Human Development and Family Studies with the children, youth, and family services option, provides practical and academic experience designed to prepare students for entry-level roles in the human service field. The degree requires an approved field experience in a children, youth or family service setting. By selecting specific electives, students may develop an emphasis in early childhood care and education. The objective is to offer a general education background, a knowledge base in life span and family development, and a core of professional skills that may be applied in program planning and service delivery activities, preparing students for further education in a variety of fields or employment in a wide range of professions.

Career Opportunities

Graduates with the Associate Degree in Human Development and Family Studies will have the practical and academic experience and professional competence for entry-level positions in the human services field. In addition to working in childcare settings, graduates with an associate degree may find employment in hospitals or institutional and community programs for emotionally disturbed, abused or neglected children and adolescents. There are also service roles available in public welfare and family service agencies.

Assistance to help graduating students enter the job market is available through the Advising and Career Center.

Graduating students may participate in several Penn State Career Day programs where many employers will be available for interviews.



Baccalaureate Degree Options

The Baccalaureate Degree in Human Development and Family Studies at University Park is the most likely choice for graduates of the associate degree program. An additional potential degree is the Letters, Arts, and Sciences: Liberal Studies Option available at Penn State York. Penn State Harrisburg has majors in Behavioral Sciences and Sociology that might also be appropriate. Psychology is available at Penn State Erie and Penn State Harrisburg.

Who Should Enroll

Whether you're a recent high school graduate, an adult returning to school, or someone who has never attended college, you can enroll in the Associate Degree program in Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State York. Students enrolling in this degree program may be interested in using their education as a stepping stone to a baccalaureate degree, for advancement in a current position, or to gain employment in the health and human services field. For specific information on admission, contact the Penn State York Admissions Office at (717) 771-4040 or (800) PSU-6227.



Program Requirements

For the Associate Degree in Human Development and Family Studies, a minimum of 60 credits is required:

General Education: 21 credits

Writing/Speaking, Humanities, Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts (12 of these 21 credits are included in the requirements for the major).

Requirements for the Major: 58-60 credits

Physiology

Infant and Child Development

Adolescent Development

Values and Ethics in Health and Human Development Professionals

Human Development and Family Studies Interventions

Family Development

Internship

The Associate Degree in Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State York provides the opportunity for students to complete the program on a full-time or part-time basis. Classes are offered both in day and evening sessions.

Financial Aid

Four types of student financial aid are available: grants, scholarships, loans and employment. At Penn State York, 80 percent of eligible students receive some type of financial aid and more than 300 scholarships are awarded locally. For information on student aid, please contact Penn State York's Office of Student Affairs at (717) 771-4045.

For More Information

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