

# UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

## GRADUATE PROGRAM IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES/EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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<b>Program</b>	An interdisciplinary program in Early Childhood Development is available within the College of Agriculture leading to a Master of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. Cooperating curricula include Family and Consumer Sciences, Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Communication Disorders, Kinesiology & Health, and Developmental Psychology. Entering students will choose research programs that focus on early childhood development, and will choose their outside of department graduate faculty member from the Early Childhood Academic Standards Committee.
<b>Facilities</b>	The Departments have access to modern facilities for research and practice including three early childhood care and education centers, an audiology laboratory, psychology testing laboratories, nursing practice sites, and kinesiology laboratories. Computer terminals are also available in each building.
<b>Admission/Degree Requirements</b>	It is recommended that entering students have an undergraduate degree in early childhood education, family and consumer sciences/professional child development, or a closely related field to enter the Family & Consumer Sciences/Early Childhood Education program. Once accepted into the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences, the student will have their packet forwarded to the Chair of the Early Childhood Academic Standards Committee for approval. Students must meet current Graduate School Admissions Standards for GPA and GRE scores. A <u>minimum of 30 credit hours</u> is required for the degree, with a required interdisciplinary early childhood seminar and 12 hours of coursework in early childhood development (3 hours each from child development, early childhood education, health sciences, and psychology, and at least 9 of those credit hours must be from outside the student's sponsoring department) in addition to research and within department courses. The degree is available through Thesis and Plan B project options.
<b>Employment Opportunities</b>	A degree in Family and Consumer Sciences/Early Childhood Development can be the basis for jobs in research, children's health and wellness, adoption agencies, public health services, consulting, Extension work, human services, early childhood education programs, as well as for further graduate study.
<b>Financial Aid</b>	University assistantships are available on a competitive basis. Additional assistantships supported by grants and special projects may also be available along with part-time employment and student loans.
<b>University and Area</b>	The University of Wyoming was established as a land grant university in 1886 and currently serves 11-12,000 students. The University is located in Laramie, a city of about 25,000 residents. Laramie is situated in a valley between two mountain ranges and the area offers both summer and winter recreational opportunities. The metropolitan area of Denver, Colorado is within three hours driving time.

**ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM:**

Students who desire to be admitted to the Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences program should meet the minimum requirements of:

1. A bachelor's degree based on a four-year curriculum from an institution accredited by one of the regional associations which are part of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (or the equivalent);
2. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the previous degree; and
3. A composite score of at least 900 on the Verbal and Quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

**SPECIFIC STEPS FOR ADMISSION:**

Obtain an application for admission by visiting the Graduate School in Knight Hall or writing: Graduate School Admissions, University of Wyoming, P.O. Box 3108, Laramie, Wyoming 82071-3108. Applicants should make plans to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

**The following should be sent directly to the Graduate School:**

1. The white copy of the completed application form.
2. A check or money order for the non-refundable application fee.
3. One original set of transcripts sent by the registrar from each post-secondary institution attended.
4. GRE scores.

**The following should be sent directly to the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences:**

1. A letter of intent, addressed to the department head, outlining professional goals and objectives.
2. Three favorable letters of recommendation from persons knowledgeable about the applicant's preparation and/or qualifications for the graduate program.
3. The yellow copy of the completed application form.
4. Photocopies (or a second set of originals) of all transcripts

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