

CAREERS FOR

Family and Child Studies

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The [UNM Family and Child Studies program](#) focuses on understanding the complexities of family dynamics and how family needs can change over the lifespan within different contexts. The program also teaches students about human development across the lifespan and how relationships and systems impact this development.

There are three concentrations within the Family and Child Studies Program:

- **Human Development and Family Relations**
 - This concentration offers an option to become a [Nationally-Certified Family Life Educator \(CFLE\)](#).
- **Early Childhood Education and Development**
- **Early Childhood Multicultural Education Licensure Pre-K to Grade 3**
 - These options offer students a professional track to work in education while having a concentration on both families and children.
 - [Licensure](#) is required to teach in a school setting

Industries & Target Employers

Education: Preschool, daycare, religious organizations, school programs, teaching, administration, K-8, Charter schools, private schools, colleges and universities, corporations, Head Start schools, Montessori schools

Family and Community Services: YMCA, YWCA, Summer programs, camps, special need organizations (ARC, ARCA, Goodwill Industries), hospitals, adoption agencies, youth services, residential treatment facilities, welfare departments, health departments, senior affairs

Healthcare: [Child Life Specialist](#), Family Life Educator

Top Companies*

[Ambercare](#)

[City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs](#)

[Families and Youth, Inc.](#)

[New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department](#)

[UNM Center for Development and Disability](#)

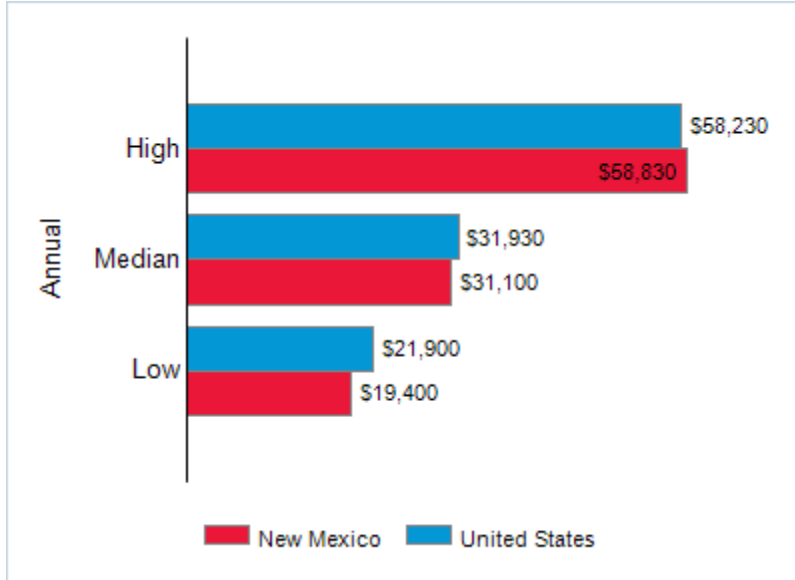
[UNM Hospitals](#)

[Presbyterian](#)

*These employers have hired UNM graduates from UNM College of Education and Human Sciences.

Salary Information

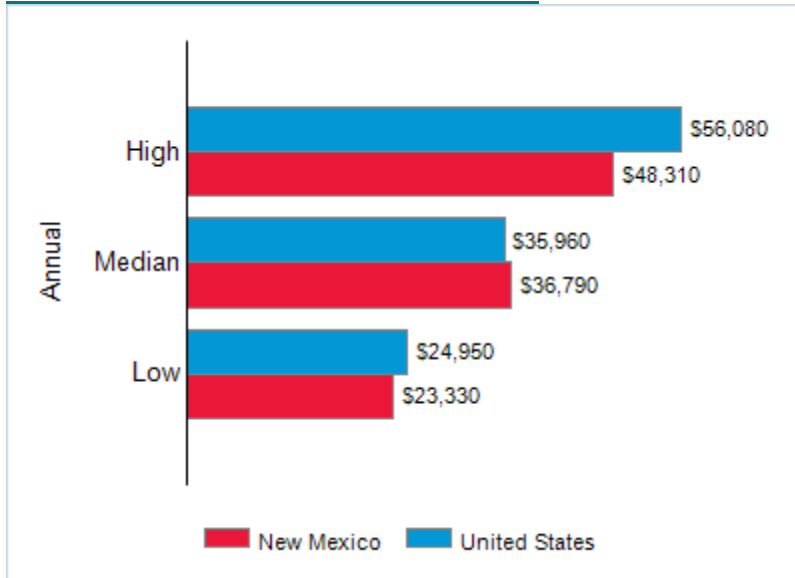
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education*



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Salary data for a Family Life Educator

Social and Human Service Assistants*



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Tips

- [Career Ideas in “Family Science”](#)
- Want to teach at, run, or own your own childcare center? Conduct an [informational interview](#) with someone who owns or runs a daycare or preschool to get a sense if this is a good path for you.
- Volunteer work and internships can be helpful to begin networking and developing connections in the field.
- For help with identifying career goals and volunteer opportunities, you can consult with a CDF at [UNM Career Services](#).

Learn More

[American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences](#)

[American Educational Research Association \(AERA\)](#)

[National Council of Family Relations \(NCFR\)](#)

[American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#)

[Association of Child Life Professionals](#)

[National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)

[American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy \(AAMFT\)](#)

[National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\)](#)

[The Gerontological Society of America \(GSA\)](#)

[Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos O*NET; Social and Human Service Assistants](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook; Child Life Specialist](#)

[Student Activities Center](#)

[Buzzfile Employers by Major; Human Development and Family Studies](#)

Questions? Visit UNM Career Services in person! See our website for onsite walk-in hours. Or email onlinecareerservices@unm.edu or call 277-2531 to schedule an appointment.