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## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY RELATIONS

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### OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

[Family Studies program](#) mission states: “Family Studies is an interdisciplinary field, exemplifying effective practice and scholarly inquiry that is sensitive and responsive to issues of cultural diversity. The mission of the Family Studies Program is to prepare students to work in areas that endeavor to enhance individual and family strengths. Strengthening families and their individual members facilitates the development of a life-long learning environment. Programs are designed to provide a solid foundation in human development, interpersonal relations, and family resource management that recognizes the dynamic interaction of theory, research and relevant practices” ([Family Studies Mission](#), retrieved September 2013)

### EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor’s degree is usually the minimum requirement depending on career industry you seek. A graduate degree is required for careers in teaching and research.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:

UNM’s [Family Studies program](#) offers certifications, bachelor degrees, master degrees and a doctorate in family studies.

### INDUSTRIES & TARGET EMPLOYERS:

A variety of employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM’s [Lobo Career Connection](#) for a complete list of employers and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator at the [UNM Office of Career Services](#) for help with identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

#### Education

Preschool, daycares, religious organizations, school programs, teaching, administration, K-12, Charter schools, private schools, colleges and universities, corporations, pre-school programs, 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

### SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Consider specializing with a double major, minor, or concentration in another area.
- Gain related professional experience through involvement in internships, student employment, [Co-ops](#), and/or volunteer opportunities.
- Shadow professionals in the field to gain a better understanding of the occupation and to build relationships with professional mentors.
- Build your network and get involved on campus through student organizations and campus events. Find organizations and events at the [Student Activities Center website](#).
- Attend career related campus events such as career fairs, company information sessions, and or career workshops.
- Students who are interested in graduate school should maintain a high undergraduate GPA and develop relationships with faculty and community leaders.
- Speak with mentors and faculty about career opportunities.
- Job leads can be found on your department’s website, list-serv, newsletters, and social media sites.

## INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences  
American Council on Consumer Interest (ACCI)  
American Educational Research Association (AERA)  
National Council of Family Relations (NCFR)  
American Psychological Association (APA)  
American Evaluation Association (AEA)  
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  
American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)  
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT)  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
The Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

[www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org)  
[www.consumerinterests.org](http://www.consumerinterests.org)  
[www.aera.net/](http://www.aera.net/)  
[www.ncfr.com](http://www.ncfr.com)  
[www.apa.org/](http://www.apa.org/)  
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