

**GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCES WITH A MAJOR IN  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES**

Instructions: To make application for one of our graduate concentrations, please go to the university's Graduate Application Center at <http://graduate.ua.edu/prospects/application/> and complete the necessary documents listed. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE THIS HDFS APPLICATION AND UPLOAD TO THE URL ABOVE UNDER SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. For further information, please contact:

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College Attended	Dates Attended	Degree	GPA
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**plan to enter graduate school (Semester and Year):**

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES**  
**Graduate Application Supplement Form**

1.) Please check which concentration you are applying to\*:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent and Family Life Educator (PAFLE)

*\*Students who are admitted into one concentration and then change their mind and would like to be admitted into another concentration will need to re-apply, within the department, to the program. The reapplication is for the DEPARTMENT level only.*

2.) Please tell us why you are applying to the concentration you checked above, and what you plan to do after obtaining a Master's degree in your chosen concentration (use additional pages if needed).

3.) Why is obtaining a graduate degree important to you?

**4.) If you are applying to the MFT concentration, what is it about MFT that is attractive to you other than wanting to help people? What do you plan to do with your clinical training? What are your long term goals as a therapist? Please be detailed in your response (use extra pages if needed). *PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATION TO THE MFT CONCENTRATION REQUIRES A PERSONAL INTERVIEW.***

**5.) If your concentration is HDFS, please describe your research interests and any ideas you have for your thesis. (Not applicable for applicants for the concentration in Marriage and Family Therapy or PAFLE.)**

6.) Describe any research experiences you had during your undergraduate program of study.

7.) If you are applying to the HDFS concentrations, please read the faculty profiles listed on the website and then rank the professor in order (1,2,3,4,and 5) of you who you feel most closely matches your research interest.

**Dr. Blake Berryhill** (*family functioning and mental health outcomes, self-compassion, parental school involvement, Marriage and Family Therapy clinic research*)

**Dr. Sherwood Burns-Nader** (*child life, play, children in the medical setting, coping, psychosocial development of children, parent-child relationship*)

**Dr. Deborah Casper** (*child, adolescent, and emerging adult peer relations and interactions*)

**Dr. Maria Hernandez-Reif** (*infancy, perception, maternal depression, preschool children's development, massage therapy*)

**Dr. Bobby Laird** (*parenting, peer relationships, behavior problems*)

**Dr. Jason Scofield** (*children's language and cognitive development*)

**Dr. Casey Totenhagen** (*relationship qualities in romantic couples*)

**Dr. Tricia Witte** (*intimate partner violence, substance use and addiction, prevention*)

**Dr. Bridget Weymouth** (*adolescence, social anxiety, substance use, conflict in families*)

8.) Do you expect to attend full time (9 hours per semester for consecutive semesters)? If not, please elaborate.

YES

NO

**9.) Please tell us anything else you would like us to know about you.**

**10.) How did you hear about us?**

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies graduate program awards a limited number of assistantships based on request, merit, need, and availability. If you would like to be considered for an assistantship, please write in the space below a brief explanation on your merit and your financial need for one of these awards. If your attendance to UA is contingent on receiving an assistantship or other financial aid, please be sure to indicate that and explain.