

The University of Alabama is a state-supported senior comprehensive doctoral-level institution. The College of Human Environmental Sciences at The University of Alabama offers programs at both the baccalaureate and master's levels. Currently, a Master of Science in the field of Human Environmental Sciences with a specialization in Human Development and Family Studies is offered. Within the specialization, students may concentrate in one of the following: Human Development and Family Studies, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Parent and Family Life Education.

The concentration in Parent and Family Life Education is a 39 credit-hour, nonthesis program. Students pursuing this program of study will complete a 21 credit-hour block of Human Development and Research courses, an 15 credit-hour block of Parent and Family Life Education courses, a 150 clock-hours (3 credit hours) internship, and a comprehensive examination.

MS Concentration in Parent and Family Life Education (Nonthesis)Total required credits: **39**

I. Human Development and Research Courses.....: 21 credit hours

- HD 501 Child Development (3)
- HD 562 Dynamics of Family Relationships (3)
- HD 603 Adolescent Development (3) or BEP 655 Adolescent Development (3)
- HD 512 Adult Development (3)
- HES 509 Research Methods in HES (3)
- PY 502 Introduction to Data Analysis (3) [or substitute course](#)
- PY 505 Advanced Data Analysis (3) [or substitute course](#)

II. Parent and Family Life Education Courses.....: 15 credit hours

- HD 664 Family Crises (3)
- HD 576 Human Sexuality (3)
- HD 535 Parent-Child Relationships (3)
- *HD 580 Children of Divorce (3)
- CSM 505 Public Policy: Social and Economic Issues (3)
- HD 594 Special Problems in Program Evaluation (3)

*Optional course

III. Internship

- HD 593 Special Problems in Methods of Family Life Education Internship (3 credit hours; 150 clock hours; to be taken during the fall and spring of the final year in the program)

IV. Comprehensive Examination

Students will complete a mandatory comprehensive examination at the end of the program of study. Students must pass the examination to earn the degree.