



Graduate Studies

Family Relations & Human Development: MSc, PhD

Research and applied training in the areas of:

- Child & adolescent development
- Parent-child, family relationships
- Adult development & gerontology
- Human sexuality
- Health & mental health
- Evidence-based interventions
- Program evaluation
- Social policy
- Qualitative & quantitative methodologies

The Family Relations and Human Development program is one of four graduate programs offered by the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. We pride ourselves on being a unique, interdisciplinary academic unit focused on integrating research and practice.

Not only do graduate students have the opportunity to engage in thesis research alongside expert faculty in psychology, sociology, social work and other disciplines, but they also build an individualized program of study including applied coursework.

Building on core theory and methodology courses to support thesis work, this scientist-practitioner orientation prepares graduates to:

- work in government to influence family and social policy,
- work in community agencies to develop and evaluate programs for individuals across the lifespan
- use research to inform interdisciplinary approaches to health and mental health of children, youth and families
- pursue an academic or professional career.

General Admission Requirements (MSc)

- An honours bachelor's degree or equivalent, typically including coursework in psychology, sociology, social work, and/or family relations
- Applicants must have at least a B+ average for their last 2 years of academic study, and provide academic references
- Grades of at least 75% in applied statistics and research methods courses taken within the past 5 years

General Admission Requirements (PhD)

Applicants should have a master's degree with an empirical thesis in Family Relations and Human Development or a closely related degree, such as human development, gerontology, psychology or sociology, as well as:

- Grades of at least 75% in graduate level applied statistics and research methods courses taken with the past 5 years
- Course work in some aspect of human development and family relations

Deadline for receiving complete applications is **February 1st** for September entry only.

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