

*University of Indianapolis - College of Education & Behavioral Sciences***2026-2027 Curriculum Guide for Human Development and Family Sciences Majors (HDFS)**

Bachelor of Science

Human Development Requirement (9 hours)

Take one of the following 3 credit hour courses:

- **EDUC 203** Developing Human Potential (3)
- **PSY 245** Lifespan Psychology (3)
- **SOWK 250** Micro/Mezzo Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3)

Take Six (6) credit hours from the following courses:

- **ANTH 240** Human Sexuality and Intimacies (3)
- **EDUC 385** Positive Classroom Environment (2)
- **ELED 303** Inclusion & Co-teaching (2) **and**
- **ELED 305** Elementary Practicum Experience in Inclusion & Co-Teaching (1)
- **PSY 215** Social Psychology (3)
- **PSY 365** Child and Adolescent Development (3)
- **SOC 101** Introduction to Sociology (3)
- **SOC 250** Gender, Law, and Society (3)
- **SOC 270** Sociology of Health & Medicine (3)
- **SOWK 110** The Field of Social Work (3)
- **SOWK 230** Foundations of Social Work Practice (3)
- **SOWK 260** Macro Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3)

Global Mindset - Take 3 credit hours from the following courses:

- **EDUC 290** Teaching in a Diverse Society (3)
- **SOC 210** Social Inequality (3)
- **SOWK 295** Diversity and Environmental Justice: A Social Work Perspective (3)
- **PSY 315** Readings in Diversity (3)

Family - Take 5 credit hours from the following courses:

- **ELED/SCED 251** Learners, Motivation & Family Collaboration (2)
- **PSY 280** Family Psychology (3)
- **SOWK 310** Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (3)
- **SOC 200** The Family: A Global Perspective (3)

Experiential Learning - Take at least 3 credit hours from the following courses or in any approved experiential learning course with a community-based component (e.g., service learning, work-based learning, etc.).

- **ELED 154** Elementary Practicum Experience in Engineering (1)
- **ELED 204** Elementary Practicum Experience in Intermediate Literacy (1)
- **ELED 205** Elementary Practicum Experience in Primary Literacy (1)
- **ELED 253** Elementary Practicum in STEM (1)
- **ELED 256** Elementary Practicum Experience in Technology & Student Support Systems (1)
- **ELED 276** Elementary Practicum Experience in Mathematics (1)
- **ELED 306** Elementary Practicum Literacy Assessment & Intervention I (1)
- **ELED 304** Elementary Practicum Experience in Reading Interventions (1)
- **ELED 353** Elementary Practicum Experience in Transdisciplinary Lessons (1)
- **ELED 451** Inquiry-based Application of a Passion Project (2)
- **EDUC 204** Fld Exp in Dev Human Potential (.5)
- **SCED 275** Clinical Exp Lit Dev & Assessment (1)
- **SCED 345** Pre-Residency in Middle School/High School (1)
- **SCED 409** Clinical Exp Learn Global Soc (1)
- **SCED 415** Clinical Exp in Lit Dev & Assessment (1)

- INTD 205 Interdisciplinary Internship (1-3)
- INTD 301 ST: Multiclrnl Comp Ldshp/Srvc (3)
- PSY 460 Research Practicum (2)
- PSY 499 Internship in Psychology (2-4)

Required Track: Students are required to complete at least one track to fulfill the HDFS major requirements (12-14 credit hours).

Behavioral Sciences Track (12 credit hours):

- PSY 124 Foundations of Psychological Sciences - Methods (3)
- PSY 125 Foundations of Psychological Sciences - Statistics (3)
- PSY 230 Brain and Behavior (3)
- ELEC ### 300- or 400-level Psychology or Social Work elective (3) *The course cannot be part of the major courses listed above.*

Occupational Pathways:

Graduate programs: Human Development and Family Sciences/Studies (MS, PhD), Social Work (MSW, DSW), Psychology (MS, MA, PhD, or PsyD), Counseling Psychology (MA, PhD), Public Health (MPH, DrPH), Occupational Therapy (MSOT, OTD), or other specialized programs such as Marriage and Family Therapy and Behavioral Analysis.

Careers: Research assistant, grant writer, and program evaluation assistant in academic, medical, corporate, government, or nonprofit organizations.

Behavioral Health and Family Services Track (12 credit hours):

- PSY 120 Introduction to Psychology (3)
- PSY 345 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- SOWK 200 Youth and Family (3)
- PSY 425 Foundational Skills of the Helping Professions (3)

Occupational Pathways:

Registered Apprenticeship: Peer Recovery Apprentice

Careers: Case manager/case coordinator, Behavioral Health Technician/Mental, Health Worker, Family Support Specialist/Family Advocate, youth development specialist/youth counselor, crisis intervention specialist, substance use counselor assistant/recovery support specialist, community outreach worker/prevention specialist, residential counselor/direct care professional, victim advocate/domestic violence advocate, school-based support staff/behavioral aide.

Education and Learning Sciences Track (14 credit hours):

- EDUC 100 Exploration in Education (3)
- EDUC 272 Intro to Learners with Mild Disabilities (2)
- PSY 235 Cognitive Psychology (3)
- EDUC 300 Social, Political, and Philosophical Foundations of Education in the U.S. (3)
- ELEC ### 300- or 400-level Education elective (3) (EDUC, ELED, SCED, ECED)
The course cannot be part of the major courses listed above.

Occupational Pathways:

Registered Apprenticeships: Teachers Aid, Early Childhood Educator, Childcare Development Specialist, Direct Support Specialist, Teaching Assistant Careers: Elementary or Early Childhood assistant, preschool director, family engagement coordinator, childcare provider, youth program leaders, after-school coordinator, family support specialist/family advocate, nonprofit volunteer coordinator, museum educator, community outreach coordinator, residential youth worker, student services coordinator, adult learning or GED instructor

NOTES:

- The Human Development and Family Sciences major requires a minimum of 32 hours.
- A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Human Development and Family Sciences Major.
- The Bachelor of Science degree requires a minimum of 120 hours.
- See the General Education Core Guide for additional degree requirements.
- A student may complete more than one major as long as each major has at least 24 discrete hours. Please see the Academic Catalog for additional details.