

## About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

## About the College of Education and Human Services

With a more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing their bachelor's degree:

- Outstanding and innovative programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our student population;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College's home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University's history.



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# Family and Child Studies

## Bachelor of Arts Degree Program



- Child Life Specialist
- Families, Children, and School Settings
- Family Services
- Gerontology



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## Overview

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Family and Child Studies prepares students for careers working with youth and families in various settings. A major in Family and Child Studies may be for you if you answer yes to any of the following questions:

- Are you curious about the way children and adults grow and develop?
- Have you wondered about how environmental and social factors affect physical, cognitive, and emotional development?
- Are you interested in learning more about specific stages of human development such as infancy, childhood, adolescence, and aging?
- Would you like to work with hospitalized children to help reduce the stress of medical treatment on them and their families?
- Have you ever thought about a career in family counseling, working with youth in various settings, working with older adults, or teaching at the preschool or elementary grades level?



## Concentrations

### Child Life Specialist

In this concentration, students learn to reduce the impact of stressful or traumatic medical events and situations, which affect the development, health, and well-being of pediatric patients. This program prepares students for the nationally recognized Child Life Certification from the Child Life Certifying Commission (CLCC). Graduates from this interdisciplinary concentration gain the academic and experiential preparation for working with infants, children, and adolescents in medical environments and for providing support for the child's parents and other family members.

### Families, Children, and School Settings

This concentration prepares students to work in a variety of educational settings. It allows students to pursue certification for teaching in schools at the P-3 or K-5 level.

### Family Services

This concentration emphasizes the study of the family. Students learn about family development, relationships, dynamics, functioning, health, and resource management. They examine the various cultural, community, and socioeconomic contexts in which families function and study interventions used to support families. The concentration combines family research and theory with application in a variety of human services organizations and community agencies.

### Gerontology

Students who complete this concentration are prepared to work in careers in aging at a time when our society is challenged to provide services for a diverse and growing population of older adults. This interdisciplinary program is unique in that students can elect to take several service-learning courses and complete a full-time internship enabling them to work with older adults in a variety of community settings. Job opportunities for gerontology students are in community service agencies, senior living facilities, long term care facilities, community recreation programs, and senior citizen centers.

## Careers

Graduates from the program work in a variety of human service settings. These include family and community services; youth service organizations; health care settings; juvenile and adult corrections; family courts system; long term care facilities; and early childhood, elementary, and parent education programs. This degree also provides students with the educational background they need to pursue graduate study in a variety of areas.



### For further information

<http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/fcs/>

### Apply online

<http://www.montclair.edu/admissions/>

### Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:

<http://www.montclair.edu/admissions/costs.html>

Montclair State University offers financial aid and scholarships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

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