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 a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative academic 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
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated and web-enhanced course options
- 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.
FAMILY AND CHILD STUDIES IS…
An interdisciplinary field that teaches you how to understand individuals, families and communities holistically. Our holistic approach incorporates research from psychology, social work, sociology, economics, history, women and gender studies, biology and many other fields. We see each of these fields as providing puzzle pieces and our job in family and child studies is to put all of the pieces together.

- A field with a strong job outlook
- A field that promotes health and well-being from birth through old age
- A field that helps people and families handle everyday challenges
- A field that creates innovative and evidence-based programs and policies to strengthen individuals, families and communities. Some types of programs focus on: parenting, relationship and marriage education, military families, immigrant families, substance abuse prevention, domestic violence, bullying, discrimination, aging, positive youth development, siblings, stepfamilies and more.
- A field committed to preparing the next generation of educators and practitioners known for their problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, compassion, forward-thinking and cultural competence
- A field that values diversity and social justice
- An applied educational experience that connects the classroom to real life so you are among the best-prepared and qualified new professionals upon graduation
- A field committed to your success

CONCENTRATIONS
All majors declare a specialization by selecting from one of three concentration areas:

1. Families, Children and School Settings
   Allows students to pursue certification for teaching in schools at the P-3 or K-5 level.

2. Family Services
   Allows students to pursue careers in social service and community-based programs, providing resources and assistance to diverse families.

3. Gerontology
   Allows students to pursue career opportunities with the fastest growing part of the U.S. population in a variety of community service agencies and senior living facilities, as examples.

CAREER OUTLOOK…
IN A WORD, STRONG
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections, students who earn a degree and work in our field will be part of the job sector that is projected to experience among the largest job growth through 2022. Depending on the exact family and child studies career sector, job growth will increase from 11.1 percent to 28.1 percent. For those who select to focus on older adults or health-related careers, job growth will be exceptionally strong.

Students who major in Family and Child Studies enjoy a strong and diverse set of career options in human service and educational settings. Just a few of these include:

- Crisis Intervention Specialist
- Case Manager
- Director of a Child Care Center
- Juvenile Justice
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Elder Care
- Health, Marriage or Parent Educator
- Child or Adult Protective Services
- 4H Counselor
- Hospital Child Care

As a FCST major, you also will benefit from exceptional preparation for graduate education at the master’s and PhD levels if you plan to pursue additional education. Advanced education can prepare you for such careers as: clinical social worker or counselor, administrator of a social service or community agency, marriage and family therapist, policy analyst, researcher and others.

- Child Advocate
- Teacher
- Community Services (e.g., Boys and Girls Club, 4H, YMCA)
- Council on Aging
- Residential Treatment
- Adoption and Foster Care
- Cooperative Extension Services
- Hospice Counselor

A FEW REASONS THAT A BA IN FAMILY AND CHILD STUDIES WILL MAKE YOU COMPETITIVE IN THE JOB MARKET…

- FCST prepares majors to treat individuals and families holistically by using an interdisciplinary perspective. FCST believes the whole person and family must be understood in their environment.
- FCST provides majors with hands-on, real-life experience. As part of your program, you will take part in field experiences and an internship. Few students in related fields get these types of opportunities, thereby setting you apart.
- FCST teaches majors about context. As a discipline, we focus on understanding people and families in their own homes, schools and work places rather than only in laboratories. This is a key strength FCST provides majors.
- FCST prepares majors to develop and evaluate programs that help people, families and communities.
- FCST majors develop a strong social justice perspective for working with diverse individuals, families, and communities, making us unique compared to similar programs.

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Our nationally and internationally recognized faculty are known for their expertise in the following broad areas:

- Prevention, Developmental Systems Science and Translational Science
- Development Across the Lifespan/Life-course
- Close Relationships, Marriage and Family Interactions
- Diversity, Marginalization and Resilience

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TUITION AND FEES
Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:
montclair.edu/admissions/learn-more/finance

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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