

Youth Development

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- **Credential Offered:**
Graduate Certificate

The Great Plains IDEA youth development program has its roots in Positive Youth Development. Rather than focusing solely on corrective measures, a Positive Youth Development approach equips young people in the second decade of life with the skills and opportunities necessary for successful transition into adulthood. This approach promotes positive outcomes for all youth by recognizing their strengths, fostering positive relationships, and providing youth with opportunities to learn, lead, connect and serve.

Certificates available in Youth Development or Youth Development Management & Evaluation. A graduate certificate can complement a master's degree in a related field such as education, social work, or other human services, or provide working professionals with additional skills needed to advance their career.

Curriculum

Youth Development

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| HDFS 710 | Foundations of Youth Development | 3 |
| HDFS 711 | Youth Development | 3 |
| Select 2 courses from the following: | | 6 |
| HDFS 712 | Positive Youth Development in Community Settings | |
| HDFS 713 | Adolescents and Their Families | |
| HDFS 714 | Contemporary Youth Issues ¹ | |
| HDFS 715 | Youth Culture | |
| HDFS 719 | Youth Policy | |
| HDFS 730 | Youth-Adult Relationships | |
| HDFS 790 | Graduate Seminar ¹ | |
| Total Credits | | 12 |

¹ With approval of topic by advisor.

Youth Development Management & Evaluation

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| HDFS 710 | Foundations of Youth Development | 3 |
| HDFS 717 | Design and Evaluation of Youth Programs | 3 |
| HDFS 718 | Youth Development Personnel and Program Management | 3 |
| Select one course from the following: | | 3 |
| HDFS 712 | Positive Youth Development in Community Settings | |
| HDFS 714 | Contemporary Youth Issues ¹ | |
| HDFS 719 | Youth Policy | |
| HDFS 790 | Graduate Seminar ¹ | |
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