

Youth Development

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Graduate Certificate

The 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 are available in Youth Development or Youth Program 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
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

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Youth Program Management & Evaluation

Code	Title	Credits
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	
Total Credits		12

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