

Youth Development

Interinstitutional Graduate Program

Iowa State University offers a Master's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with specialization in Youth Development. This is an interinstitutional distance education program offered entirely online. The student selects the home institution that grants the degree. After admission at the home institution, the student takes courses from each of the participating institutions: Iowa State University; Kansas State University; Montana State University; University of Nebraska; North Dakota State University; Oklahoma State University; South Dakota State University.

At Iowa State University, Youth Development is a specialization within the Master of Family and Consumer Sciences degree program (MFCS-YTH) that consists of 36 semester credits. A computer with minimum specifications, Web access, and an email address are required for completing the program. A creative component is completed as the final project/exam for this degree. The final project is tailored to the needs of the individual student and determined in cooperation with the POS committee. The student presents the agreed-upon project to the committee in a 60- to 90-minute final oral examination meeting via a video conference call. <http://www.hs.iastate.edu/online-grad/programs/mfcs-youth-dev-online/>

The **Master of Family and Consumer Sciences with Youth Development specialization** is the only online degree available focusing solely on the skills to serve today's young people. Students become immersed in a strengths-based curriculum and learn a methodology that supports youth, enabling them to grow socially, emotionally, and cognitively. The program has its roots in positive youth development. Rather than focusing solely on corrective measures, a positive youth development approach equips individuals in the second decade of life with the skillset necessary for a successful transition into adulthood.

Registration

Students choosing to receive their degree from Iowa State University complete all the admissions, registration and fee payment processes through ISU.

Two on-line graduate certificates are available as a part of this program:

- Youth Development Specialist Graduate Certificate (<http://www.hs.iastate.edu/online-grad/programs/mfcs-youth-dev-online/#youth-development-specialist-graduate-certificate>)
- Youth Program Management and Evaluation Graduate Certificate (<http://www.hs.iastate.edu/online-grad/programs/mfcs-youth-dev-online/#youth-program-management-and-evaluation-graduate-certificate>)