

Youth Development and Leadership (Certificate)

The Graduate Certificate in Youth Development and Leadership prepares future and strengthens current professionals working with community-based youth development programs. The required courses are designed to strengthen the student’s understanding and application of critical aspects of community youth programs, including theories of youth development, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development, resource development and management, volunteer development, advisory committees and boards, organizational structure, human resource management, and current/emerging issues impacting youth and families.

Plan Requirements

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Required Courses			
YFCS 550	Family and Youth Professionals as Leaders	3	
YFCS 553	Applied Concepts in Child and Youth Development	3	
Organizational Administration Course		3	
See "Organizational Administration Electives" listed below			
Youth / Family Development Elective Course		3	
See "Youth and Family Development Electives" listed below			
Total Hours		12	

Organizational Administration Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Select one of the following courses:			
YFCS 531	Effective Management of Family Resources		
YFCS 552	Program Development & Evaluation in Youth & Family Settings		
YFCS 557	Volunteerism in Youth and Family Settings		
YFCS 558	Contemporary Issues in Volunteer Resource Management		

YFCS 585	Professional Ethics and Family Policy
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Youth and Family Development Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Select one of the following courses:			
YFCS 502	Theories in Family Science		3
YFCS 523	Family Relationships Over the Life Course		
YFCS 531	Effective Management of Family Resources		
YFCS 533	Complex Family Issues		
YFCS 535	Family Health & Well-being		
YFCS 537	Human Sexuality		
YFCS 540	Environmental Influences on the Family		
YFCS 545	Family Communication and Coaching		
YFCS 585	Professional Ethics and Family Policy		