

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.

More Information

Distance Website (<http://online-distance.ncsu.edu/program/graduate-certificate-in-youth-development-leadership/>)

Application Information

Applicants must meet one of these three requirements for admission to the graduate certificate program:

- Be a graduate of an accredited four-year college or university, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 at the time of graduation,
- Be a degree student in good standing in a NC State University graduate program, or
- Have a bachelor's degree.

Applicant Information

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus, Online, Hybrid
- **Entrance Exam:** None
- **Interview Required:** None

Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** February 1 (Assistantship consideration and International students); June 15 (US students)
- **Spring:** July 15 (International students); November 1 (US students)
- **Summer 1:** December 15 (International Students); March 25 (US students)
- **Summer 2:** December 15 (International Students); May 10 (US students)

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
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See "Youth and Family Development Electives" listed below

Total Hours	12
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Organizational Administration Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Select one of the following courses:		3	

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		

Youth and Family Development Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Select one of the following courses:		3	

YFCS 502	Theories in Family Science		
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