

FAMILY SERVICES

University of Northern Iowa College of Social and Behavioral Services

<https://csbs.uni.edu/sahs/family>

ABOUT THE MAJOR

A degree in Family Services focuses on building strong families through education, prevention and intervention programs. Some areas of emphasis in this major include: children and youth, gerontology, parenting/relationship education, interpersonal violence prevention and advocacy services. The discipline of family studies explores patterns of family functioning and how relationship processes and other contextual factors influence individual development and behavior.

SAMPLE COURSEWORK

Human Identity and Relationships	Strategies and Issues in Family Services
Family Relationships	Human Growth and Development
Human Relationships and Sexuality	Family Life Education

POSSIBLE CAREERS *some titles may require further education

Child Care Consultant	Early Intervention Specialist	Social Services	Hospice Care
Parenting Coach	Home Visit Caseworker	Youth Services Specialist	Child Life Specialist
Program/Activity Director	Homeless Shelter Advocate	Sexuality Educator	Social Worker
Victim Advocate	Assisted Living Director	Case Manager	Substance Abuse Counselor

UNI GRADUATES: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- Lutheran Services in Iowa
- Valiant Wealth Family Office
- EveryStep
- Sequel Youth and Family Services
- Greater Minnesota Family Services
- Stepping Stone Family Services
- Hillcrest Family Services
- Youth and Shelter Services
- Children and Families of Iowa
- Habitat for Humanity
- Four Oaks
- Prelude Behavioral Service
- Orchard Place
- Jeremiah Program
- Eyerly Ball Community Mental Health Services
- Central Iowa Psychological Services
- UnityPoint Allen Women's Health



SKILLS NEEDED

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- Flexibility
- Compassion
- Concern for others
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Acceptance
- Stress management
- Patience

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