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.

POSSIBLE CAREERS *some titles may require further education

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