



# BUILD AND APPLY KNOWLEDGE TO IMPROVE LIVES

Mizzou's On-Campus Master's Degree in Human Development and Family Science prepares you to critically consume research, translate research to practice, and make empirically-supported decisions.

## DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Research the development, diversity, and resilience of individuals, couples, families, and communities in context and across the lifespan.

## CURATE YOUR LEARNING

Create your personalized plan of study and capstone experience to specialize in the area most relevant to your career or educational goals.

## PRACTICE REAL-WORLD SKILLS

Join research teams, support undergraduate instruction, and engage with the community through student organizations.



### DIVERSE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Work in settings that support development and relationships

- Family advocacy programs
- County Extension offices
- Emergency shelters / Crisis centers
- Public policy / Government agencies
- Early childhood centers
- Assisted living centers
- Human services agencies

### BENEFITS OF ON-CAMPUS LEARNING

Experience the Mizzou HDFS difference in your education

- Customize your courses
- Select your capstone experience
- Apply for funding and scholarships
- Work closely with peers and instructors
- Develop your professional networks
- Utilize on-campus resource centers

**LEARN MORE** <https://hdfs.missouri.edu/masters-program>



“HDFS not only provided me with the academic knowledge pertaining to my field of interest but also gave me opportunities to work hands-on in my field to put my knowledge to use. I owe much of my post-graduate success to the HDFS Mizzou program.”

**LIZ DREIFUSS | MA 2020**

*Memory Care Director  
Arrow Senior Living Management  
Columbus, Ohio*



“Mizzou’s HDFS program has thoroughly equipped me with everything I need in my career. [I am] confident in supporting families and children in early childhood knowing when and how to ask the right questions, taking the initiative, and putting my best foot forward.”

**KENDRA FERGUSON | MS 2020**

*Special Projects & Initiatives Manager  
State Dept. of Early Care & Learning  
Atlanta, GA*



“The academic and real-life experiences provided to me through Mizzou’s HDFS program were unparalleled. The faculty’s dedication to my success was reflected in my outstanding internship opportunities and currently in my post-graduate career.”

**CARRIE LEHMAN | MA 2018**

*Assoc. Dir. of the Osher Institute  
College of William and Mary  
Williamsburg, VA*

## REASONS TO CHOOSE MIZZOU HDFS

- \* More than \$100,000 disbursed annually in scholarships and fellowships to graduate students
- \* Award-winning mentorship by nationally-recognized faculty members
- \* Teaching and research opportunities
- \* Collegial and supportive culture
- \* Access to professional development resources
- \* Opportunities for community-based internships
- \* Thesis option available for a Master of Science degree
- \* Strong foundation for a doctorate degree
- \* Exceptional post-graduation placement rate



**Child Development Lab**

*On-campus school providing opportunities for research in early childhood development.*



**Center for Family Policy and Research**

*A hub for integration of research, policy, programming, and training.*



### WELCOME TO COLUMBIA

Consistently ranked as one of the best cities to live in the U.S., Columbia is a friendly and welcoming community, with a thriving downtown, diverse cultural events and festivals, variety of dining options, and abundance of outdoor recreational activities. Columbia is so much more than a college town!

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT: DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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**IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.**