



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	M.S.
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Human Sciences
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:	Developmental Sciences [SMS.HMN-DVS and SMS.HMN-D.AP]
CIP CODE:	19.0101 – Major CIP 19.0799 – Specialization CIP
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	School of Education, Counseling, & Human Development
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SECH
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	Education & Human Sciences
BANNER COLLEGE CODE:	3H

University Approval

To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.

Dennis D. Hedge

1/6/2025

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Revised Course work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification requiring Board of Regents approval
<i>Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee</i> | |

2. Effective date of change: 2025-2026 Academic Year

3. Program Degree Level:

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

4. Category:

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

Proposed new name: Human Sciences (M.S.) - Human Development and Family Science Specialization

6. Is the program being modified associated with a current articulation agreement?

Yes No

a. If yes, will the articulation agreement need to be updated with the partner institution following the approve of the program change? Please explain:

7. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
		Core Requirements	18			Core Requirements	18
CHRD OR EDFN	731 725	Multicultural Counseling and Human Relations (3) Education in a Pluralistic Society (3)	3	CHRD OR EDFN	731 725	Multicultural Counseling and Human Relations (3) Education in a Pluralistic Society (3)	3
CHRD/ HDFS OR EDER	602 610	Research and Evaluation in Counseling and Human Development (3) Introduction to Research (3)	3	CHRD/ HDFS OR EDER	602 610	Research and Evaluation in Counseling and Human Development (3) Introduction to Research (3)	3
ECE OR HDFS	711 614	Developmental Theory and Application (3) Adult Development (3)	3	ECE OR HDFS	711 614	Developmental Theory and Application (3) Adult Development (3)	3
ECE	715	Cognitive Development	3	ECE	715	Cognitive Development (realigned to major elective list)	3
				HDFS	544	Diverse Families (realigned from major elective list)	3
HDFS	701	Current Issues in Developmental Sciences	3	HDFS	701	Current Issues in Human Development & Family Science	3
HDFS OR HDFS	710 730	Program Design, Evaluation, & Implementation (3) Grant Writing (3)	3	HDFS OR HDFS	710 730	Program Design, Evaluation, & Implementation (3) Grant Writing (3)	3
				HDFS	742	Family Theory & Research (realigned from major elective list)	3
				HSC	631	Biostatistics I	3
		Select one of the following focus areas:	12			Select one of the following focus areas: Select 12 credits from the following:	12
		Human Development in Diverse Context Select 12 credits from the following:				Human Development in Diverse Context Select 12 credits from the following:	
CHRD/ HDFS	702	Advanced Human Sexuality	3	CHRD/ HDFS	702	Advanced Human Sexuality	3
				CHRD	770	Student Development: Theory and Practice	3
				ECE	715	Cognitive Development (realigned from core)	3
GERO	520	Grief and Loss	3	GERO	520	Grief and Loss	3
HDFS	510	Parenting	3	HDFS	510	Parenting	3
HDFS	525	Family Resiliency	3	HDFS	525	Family Resiliency	3
HDFS	535	Family Policy	3	HDFS	535	Family Policy	3
HDFS	544	Diverse Families	3	HDFS	544	Diverse Families (realigned to core)	3
HDFS	551	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health	3	HDFS	551	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health	3
HDFS	742	Family Theory and Research	3	HDFS	742	Family Theory and Research (realigned to core)	3
				NUTR	660	Maternal & Child Nutrition	3
		Human Development in Educational Context Select 12 credits from the following:				Human Development in Educational Context Select 12 credits from the following:	

Existing Curriculum				Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)			
Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
ECE	645	Contemporary Perspectives in Early Childhood Education	3	ECE	645	Contemporary Perspectives in Early Childhood Education	3
EDER	612	Inquiry and Action Research	3	EDER	612	Inquiry and Action Research	3
EDER	711	Educational Assessment	3	EDER	711	Educational Assessment	3
EDFN	730	Current Issues in Education	3	EDFN	730	Current Issues in Education	3
EDFN	600	Educational Theory in Practice	3	EDFN	600	Educational Theory in Practice	3
EPSY	723	Adolescent Psychology	3	EPSY	723	Adolescent Psychology	3
EPSY	740	Educational Psychology: Cognition, Learning and Applications	3	EPSY	740	Educational Psychology: Cognition, Learning and Applications	3
		Select one of the following:	6			Select one of the following:	6
		Thesis				Thesis	
ECE OR EDFN OR HDFS	798	Thesis	6	ECE OR EDFN OR HDFS	798	Thesis	6
		Non-Thesis				Non-Thesis	
		Electives determined in consultation with advisor	6			Electives determined in consultation with advisor	6
Total number of hours required for degree				Total number of hours required for degree			
Thesis			36	Thesis			36
Non-Thesis			36	Non-Thesis			36

CIP Code:

Specialization Current CIP Code: 19.0799; Title: Human Development, Family Studies, and Related Services, Other.

Definition: Any instructional program in human development, family studies, and related services not listed above.

Specialization Proposed CIP Code: 19.0701; Title: Human Development and Family Studies, General.

Definition: A general program that focuses on basic human developmental and behavioral characteristics of the individual within the context of the family. Includes instruction in the conditions that influence human growth and development; strategies that promote growth and development across the life span; and the study of family systems.

8. Explanation of the Change:

SDSU currently offers the Developmental Sciences program as a specialization in the M.S. in Human Sciences. The Developmental Sciences Specialization provides students with graduate training in an interdisciplinary field that examines human development across the lifespan in cultural, social, and family contexts. Students complete advanced coursework in the areas of child, adolescent, and adult development with an emphasis in multiculturalism, diverse learners, and learning sciences. The School of Education, Counseling and Human Development requests to change the specialization title from *Developmental Sciences* to *Human Development and Family Science*. This change will clearly emphasize human development and family science as the focus of this master's graduate program, which will also enhance the university's ability to market and recruit.

The name change to Human Development and Family Science will more clearly align with the undergraduate programs and highlight an accelerated B.S.-M.S. pathway. Additionally, the name Human Development and Family Science matches how the disciplinary field of family science is known nationally. The National Council on Family Relations, the primary professional organization for family scholarship, formally adopted family science as the preferred term to identify the field (<https://www.ncfr.org/about/what-family-science>). The proposed change will help increase departmental visibility with a variety of stakeholders (e.g., prospective students, the public, and colleagues) and will more closely align professional identities for faculty and students. “Family Science” better reflects the research-oriented nature of the faculty and program, as the discipline is an interdisciplinary translational science focusing on individual, family, and community well-being (Hamon & Smith, 2017). The name change does not impact the mission or nature of the program.

A few courses in the original plan of study will no longer be taught at SDSU. The program faculty reviewed the course offerings and compared them to peer programs. Through that analysis, the faculty identified changes to the program’s core requirements and major elective course list. HDFS 544 Diverse Families and HDFS 742 Family Theory and Research, which previously had been offered as elective focus area courses, and HSC 631 Biostatistics I have been added to the program’s core requirements. To maintain the same number of required course credits, ECE 715 Cognitive Development moved to a major elective course option. Two courses, CHRD 770 Student Development: Theory and Practice and NUTR 660 Maternal and Child Nutrition, that focus on human development and families outside of HDFS were also added as electives. Students will continue to be able to select other courses that were removed from the plan of study (HDFS 710, HDFS 730, EDER, EDFN, and EPSY courses) as electives through consultation with their advisor.

In addition, the School of Education, Counseling and Human Development requests to update the specialization’s CIP code. The code would change to 19.0701 (Human Development and Family Studies, General). This change is requested to update the CIP code to accurately reflect the nature of the program.