



Counseling, Leadership, and Educational Studies

Greetings! Thank you for visiting our website! The former Family and Consumer Sciences, now Human Development and Family Studies, undergraduate program at Winthrop University has been undergoing a lot of big changes lately and we wanted to inform everyone about them.

First, we have changed our program from family and consumer sciences (FACS) to human development and family studies (HDFS). Both programs are similar, with a focus on improving the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities, but human development and family studies is much more focused and deliberate about preparing our students to work in social service agencies. In addition, we are now the only school in the state of South Carolina to offer the Family Life Education (FLE) certification upon graduation with a degree in HDFS! The CFLE increases credibility and validates the knowledge and experience of our graduates. This will assist HDFS graduates when they are seeking employment, applying for funding from granting agencies or benefactors, giving presentations at professional conferences, and disseminating evidence-based programmatic prevention skills and education.

The FACS honor society, Phi Omicron Upsilon received an award in 2017 from the national office for their service project collecting toiletries and sewing pillows for the local domestic violence agency, Safe Passage under the advisement of Dr. Frederick.

Another big announcement – we have two new HDFS faculty in the program. We welcomed Dr. Adrienne Edwards, the new program director, from the University of Nevada Reno in January, 2018 and Dr. Lisa Moyer, from Eastern Illinois University in August, 2016. Both bring years of experience and a passion for HDFS.

We had several students present the research they are working on with faculty members at conferences in 2017. In March, Brittany Davis and DesiRee Johnson presented research they had conducted under the supervision of Dr. Moyer at the 2017 Southeastern Conference on Family Relations in Charlotte, NC. And in June, Daijahnique Jackson presented research she had carried out with Dr. Frederick at the 2017 Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family in Charleston, SC. Three students will be attending the South Carolina Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2018 in Myrtle Beach, SC and presenting research they are currently working on with Dr. Moyer.

In the fall 2016 semester we started a student ambassador program. Students selected from the major applied to serve as ambassadors and assist the program and the college with recruitment and other events. The students have been a wonderful addition to the various events that they have attended and we are happy to continue this program.

We are also excited to announce that we have a presence on social media! We have a Facebook account (Human Development Family Studies at Winthrop University) as well as an Instagram account (hdfs_wu). Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to stay updated on special events, announcements, and other information.

Finally, we are planning a kick-off event to celebrate the program change from FCS to HDFS. We are hosting a tent at homecoming and reunion in November, 2018. Please make sure you follow us or like us in order to stay up to date on the festivities.

Thank you,
[Dr. Adrienne Edwards](#), Program Director
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