Program Requirements

The certificate in family communication consists of 19 credit hours (a minimum of 12 credit hours must be upper division). Six credit hours must come from non-communication coursework. A one credit hour exit portfolio is required and may be taken after a minimum of 12 hours toward the certificate has been completed. Twelve of the 19 credit hours must be ASU courses and six credit hours may be shared with major requirements. Four courses must be selected from at least two content areas listed below. The courses listed are suggested and actual courses should be selected in conjunction with an academic advisor. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the certificate must be passed with a "C" or better.

Required Courses -- 6 credit hours

COM 312: Communication, Conflict, and Negotiation or COM 410: Interpersonal Communication
Theory and Research (SB) or COM 417: Communication and Aging (3)
COM 411: Communication in the Family (SB) (3)

Content Area Courses -- 12 credit hours

Four courses must be selected from at least two content areas listed below (12 credit hours; minimum 6 upper-division)

Community Application

COM 314: Inner-City Families: The Cycle of Poverty (3)
COM 484: Internship (3)

Health and Family Development

ALD 403 / FAS 403: Aging, Lifespan Development, and the Family (3)
ALD 420: Health Issues and Older Adults (SB) (3)
ALD 431 / FAS 421: Caregiving for Older Adults (3)
CDE 430: Infant/Toddler Development in the Family (SB) (3)
COM 417: Communication and Aging (3)
CRJ 204: Juvenile Justice (3)
FAS 332: Human Sexuality (SB) (3)
FAS 431: Parent-Adolescent Relationships (SB) (3)
FAS 436: Sexuality in Mid-Life and Beyond (3)
PSY 341: Developmental Psychology (SB) (3)
PSY 443: Abnormal Child Psychology (L or SB) (3)
PSY 444: Adolescent Psychology and Psychopathology (3)
SOC 312: Adolescence (SB) (3)

Social and Cultural Elements of the Family

AFR 370: Family, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (SB & C) (3)
ASB 346: Marriage and Family Diversity (SB & C) (3)
COM 316: Gender and Communication (SB & C) (3)
COM 410: Interpersonal Communication Theory and Research (SB) (3)
FAS 301: Introduction to Parenting (3)
FAS 331: Marriage and Family Relationships (SB) (3)
FAS 370: Family Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (SB & C) (3)
FAS 435: Advanced Marriage and Family Relationships (L or SB) (3)
SBS 440: Family Studies (3)
SOC 415: The Family (SB) (3)

Technology, Media and the Family

COM 424: Television Studies and Criticism (3)
COM 457: New Media (3)
ENG 244: Introduction to Researching Family History (3)
MCO 473: Sex, Love, and Romance in the Mass Media (SB) (3)

Family Communication Portfolio -- 1 credit hours

COM 498: Family Communication Portfolio (1)

Notes: The communication portfolio is a synthesis of the student's family communication academic experience. The portfolio itself integrates each student's experience with theory and concepts from course work. The portfolio may take a variety of forms, to be negotiated by each student and the instructor. This course is to be taken after a minimum of 12 credit hours toward the certificate have been completed.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.