2021 - 2022 Certificate Map
Family Communication

School/College: New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
Location: West campus

Program Requirements

The certificate in family communication consists of 19 credit hours (a minimum of 12 credit hours must be upper division). Six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Six credit hours may be shared with major requirements. Four courses must be selected from at least two content areas listed. The courses listed are suggested and actual courses should be selected in conjunction with an academic advisor. A one credit hour exit portfolio is required and may be taken after a minimum of 12 hours toward the certificate has been completed. 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

Content Area course (6)
Upper Division Content Area course (6)
Select four courses from at least two content areas. At least six hours must be upper-division. A minimum six credit hours must be in non-COM courses. Listed courses are suggestions; courses for the certificate should be selected in conjunction with the certificate advisor.

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)
ASB 353 / SOC 353: Death and Dying in Cross-Cultural Perspective ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
COM 310: Relational Communication (SB) (3)
COM 316: Gender and Communication (SB & C) (3)
COM 410: Interpersonal Communication Theory and Research (SB) (3)
COM 432: Forgiveness and Reconciliation (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)
PSY 385: Psychology of Gender (SB) (3)
SOC 315: Courtship and Marriage (SB) (3)
SOC 415: The Family (SB) (3)

Health and Family Development

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 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)
PSY 447: Psychology of Aging (SB) (3)
SOC 312: Adolescence (SB) (3)

Technology, Media and the Family

COM 416: Gender and Race in the Media (3)
COM 424: Television Studies and Criticism (3)
COM 457: New Media (3)
COM 471: Global Media and Cultural Identity (G) (3)
ENG 244: Introduction to Researching Family History (3)
MCO 473: Sex, Love, and Romance in the Mass Media (SB) (3)

Community Application

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

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