

Master's Information Packet

**School of Family Studies
and Human Services**

Early Childhood Education, Family Life Education and Consultation,
Life Span Human Development, Marriage and Family Therapy

**Kansas State
University**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Family Studies and Human Services (FSHS) Master of Science (M.S.) degree requires a minimum of 30 to 48 semester hours of graduate work, depending upon your specialization.

The M.S. specializations are:

Early Childhood Education
Life Span Human Development

Family Life Education and Consultation
Marriage and Family Therapy

In addition to coursework requirements, each student, depending on his or her area of emphasis, is required to demonstrate competency through written work in the form of either (1) a thesis, (2) a report, or (3) successful completion of a written comprehensive examination. Each student is required to successfully complete both the written requirements and an oral defense.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All materials should be sent to Graduate Admissions Coordinator, School of Family Studies and Human Services, 304 Justin Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

Required:

- **K.S.U. Graduate School Application/Information Form.**
- **One official copy(s) of your transcript(s) from each college or university**, which you have attended. Copies of transcripts furnished directly to you cannot be accepted by the Graduate School. Please have your schools send your transcripts directly to our office.
- **Three letters of recommendation** from former/current teachers, employers, or other professionals in a position to evaluate your potential for graduate study. Please use the enclosed forms. Make sure you check one of the statements concerning The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and sign your name. If you fail to indicate your preference under the Act, your references will automatically be considered confidential.
- **Statement of Objectives:** The statement of objectives (*except* for the Marriage and Family Therapy specialization) is usually a one to four page paper addressing: why you are interested in graduate study in our school, how it can fit in with your previous education/experience and/or your future career plans; as well as what you hope to achieve while a graduate student. **If you are applying to the Marriage and Family Therapy specialization, please follow the instructions below:**

Within your Statement of Objectives, we expect you to respond in-depth to the following questions. Please note that applications are partially evaluated on the completeness with which these questions are addressed and the degree of insight demonstrated. Special attention is paid to expression of clear long term professional goals, openness about strengths and weaknesses, awareness of the impact of previous experiences, awareness of family origin related issues and assets, and openness to self-exploration. As a rule of thumb, the statement should be about 10 double-spaced typed pages. Since we do not require interviews for the masters program you can think of this as an opportunity to show the faculty who you are.

1. Why do you want to be a marriage and family therapist?
2. What are your professional goals upon completing the degree?
3. What do you consider to be strengths that will help you achieve your goals? Address both personal and academic background. If you have something unusual in your background that might be considered an asset, please discuss it.

4. What do you consider to be the area that will need most attention during your training? If you have something unusual in your background that might be considered a deficit, please discuss it.
5. What critical events from the past have most influenced your present personal and professional development?
6. Discuss your place in your family of origin. In particular, what about your relationships with your parents and other family members do you believe will constitute resources to make you a better therapist? What patterns or issues will you need to work on?

- **A 30 U.S. dollar application fee:** There are three options for paying your application fee:
 - Personal check of \$30.00 (drawn on a U.S. bank) made payable to Kansas State University Graduate School.
 - Money order or cashier's check for \$30.00 U.S. made payable to Kansas State University Graduate School.
 - On-line credit card payment.

Additional:

Assistantship Application: If you wish to be considered for an assistantship through the School of Family Studies and Human Services, please complete the enclosed form.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

In addition to the required materials previously listed, you must also submit the following:

- Official TOEFL Score (NOTE): The FSHS graduate Programs require a TOEFL of at least 600 (paper test), 250 (computer-based test), or 100 (internet-based test) to consider international applicants for admission. This requirement exceeds the minimum requirement by the KSU Graduate School.
- Affidavit of Financial Support. This form is on the back of the International Application for Admission. You must submit the required supporting documentation. See specific instructions on the form.
- A 55 U.S. dollar application fee. There are three options for paying your application fee:
 - Personal check of \$55.00 (drawn on a U.S. bank) made payable to Kansas State University Graduate School.
 - Money order or cashier's check for \$55.00 U.S. made payable to Kansas State University Graduate School.
 - On-line credit card payment.

See detailed application instructions on the Graduate School International Application and Information document.

NON-DEGREE APPLICANTS

If you wish to be considered for admission as a non-degree student, please submit the K.S.U. Application and Information Form, the non-degree statement form, a brief (one or two paragraphs) statement of objectives, and official transcripts from each college or university you have attended. (No letters of recommendation are required.)

DEADLINES

To be considered for admission to the Family Life Education and Consultation M.S. degree program or the Life Span Human Development M.S. degree program, please submit the required application materials by February 1 for Summer and Fall admissions or October 1 for Spring admission. To be considered for admission to the Marriage and Family Therapy M.S. degree program, please submit the required application materials by January 2 for Fall entry. (**Note: This program begins each Fall semester only.**) There is **NO** deadline for domestic applicants to the Early Childhood Education M.S. degree program. ***International applicant deadlines for all programs are as above OR the KSU Graduate School dates, whichever comes first.***

Note: The GRE is NOT required for the above-mentioned programs.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must hold or will soon have a bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations.

The KSU Graduate School recognizes the following Institutional Accrediting Bodies:

MSA – Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
NASC – The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
NCA – North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
NEASC-CIHE – New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc./Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
SACS-CC – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges
WASC-Sr – Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

The unit faculty in its review of your application takes into consideration your undergraduate grade point average (you must have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 ("B") or above for full admission), the extent to which our programs match your academic objectives, and your potential for graduate study as reflected by your transcripts and your letters of recommendation.

Admission is not contingent upon having a specific type of undergraduate degree (many of our graduate students come from areas outside family studies and human services). However, an academic background in the behavioral social sciences is desired; without it, you may be admitted provisionally until you have completed courses selected by the unit committee to demonstrate your competence in the area. A statistics course is required as a prerequisite to our programs. (Please see requirement listing of each program for possible other prerequisites specific to each program.) You may complete any deficiencies in coursework during your first semester at Kansas State University.

It will be helpful to you to have additional previous coursework in research methods, and the basic social sciences (psychology, sociology, anthropology) but these are not required for admission.

Once you have had all the necessary materials sent to the school, the faculty of the unit to which you are applying will review your credentials. Upon approval and assignment of a temporary advisory, your file will be forwarded to the Graduate School, which checks the completeness of your application, official transcripts, and verifies that you have or will soon have a valid degree from an accredited institution.

AFTER YOUR ADMISSION

You will be assigned a temporary advisor who will help you select your first courses and assist you in enrollment. This faculty member may or may not become your major professor when you set up your supervisory committee. Please feel free to contact your temporary advisor prior to arriving on campus regarding any questions you may have about Manhattan, being a graduate student, or about our program. If you are not sure who has been assigned as your temporary advisory, please contact Connie Fechter (Graduate Program Admissions Coordinator) at (785)-532-1473 or fechter@ksu.edu.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

For further information regarding the School of Family Studies and Human Services, visit our website at:
<http://www.humec.k-state.edu/fshs/>

For information regarding the Graduate School, visit their website at:
<http://www.k-state.edu/grad/>

For information regarding Kansas State University, visit the website at:
<http://www.k-state.edu>

For information regarding financial assistance, you may contact:

Director
Office of Student Financial Assistance
Fairchild Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas 66506
(785) 532-6420
or students may apply on the Internet at: <http://www.k-state.edu/sfa>

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