

Few majors have a true linear trajectory to a specific career path. A **Human Development & Family Studies** degree can prepare you for a variety of career paths including human services, human resources, research, business and industry. A graduate degree will further prepare an HDFS student for more specialized careers.

General Career Information for HDFS majors:
[U of U Career Services](#)
[Who Hires U of U Grads](#)
[What can I do with this major](#)

Related Career Fields

Human Services: Direct Care
 Counseling
 Child Life
 Applied Behavior Analysis
 Group Homes
 Case Management
 Mental Health Services
 Physical Health and Wellness
 Crisis Work
 Rehabilitation Services
 Testing/Assessment
 Youth Services Agencies

Human Services: Administration
 Advocacy
 Programming
 Community Relations
 Management
 Development/Fund Raising
 Grant Writing

Human Resources
 Employment and Recruitment
 Selection
 Labor Relations
 Compensation and Benefits
 Organizational Development
 Training

Business & Industry
 Sales
 Customer Service
 Public Relations
 Market Research
 Management
 Insurance
 Real Estate

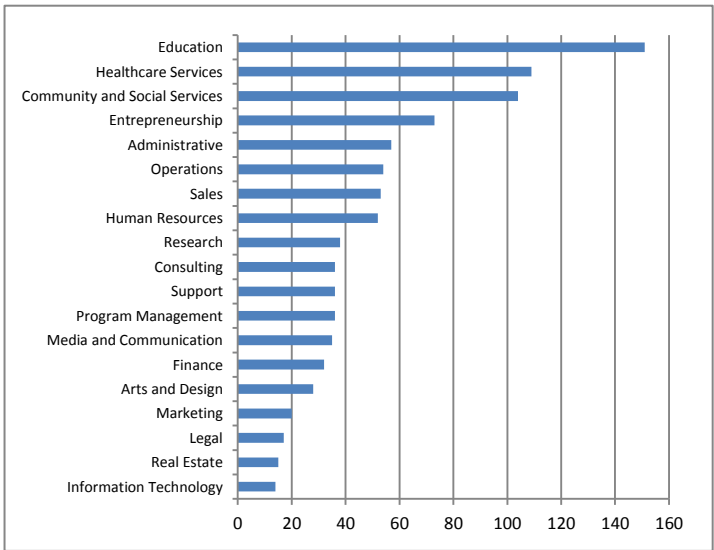
Research
 Social Research
 Market Research
 Data Analysis

Education
 Preschool Teaching
 Elementary Education
 Adult Learning/Community
 Instruction
 Childcare

Additional Career Path Exploration Resources:
 O*Net Online:
<http://www.onetonline.org>
 Bureau of Labor Statistics
 Occupational Outlook Handbook:
<http://www.bls.gov>

What are Utah HDFS alumni doing with their majors?

There are over 819 U of U HDFS alumni on LinkedIn. Here is a snapshot of what they do and where they work.



Select Professional & Student Organizations

- [American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](#)
- [American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences](#)
- [American Counseling Association](#)
- [Child Development Association \(CDA\) National Credentialing Program – Council for Professional Recognition](#)
- [Child Life Council](#)
- [Community Development Society](#)
- [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)
- [National Council on Family Relations](#)
- [Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society @ U of U](#)

EXCLUSIVE STUDENT RESOURCES

Services are FREE for current U of U students up to one year after graduation. Graduates from more than a year ago are eligible for services with an Alumni Association membership.

- **Choosing a Career/Career Development** – Visit our website (<http://careers.utah.edu>) and the Career Exploration Center (350 SSB) for information on careers/internships, job market trends, salary information, and “What can I do with this major?”
- **Career counseling/guidance** available including resume review, interview techniques, networking resources, and salary negotiation – see *Find Your Counselor* on our website or call 801/581-6186. Walk-in counselors are also available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am-3pm.
- **Finding a part-time job, internship or career position** – easy online access to local, national, and government job postings, as well as volunteer, military and non-profit opportunities on *UCareerLink*.
- **Resume writing help & samples** – resume/cover letter writing instructions, examples and career counselor to proof and suggest updates your resume.
- **Interviewing techniques** – library and web resources, workshops and practice interviews through *UCareerLink* or by appointment with counselor.
- **Career Services Internship Program** – obtain local or national internship opportunities to gain practical experience in your field of study for which you may receive University of Utah upper-division academic credit.
- **Finding employers and employer contacts** – mentor and company contacts directory in *UCareerLink* and access to national software tools *CareerShift*. Assistance with creating a profile and utilizing *LinkedIn*.
- **Career Fairs, Student Job & Internship fairs** – Fall and Spring, see website for dates.
- **On-campus interviewing and information sessions** – employers come to Career Services on campus to meet with students. Sign-up through *UCareerLink*.
- **Getting into graduate school** – annual fall Graduate School Fair, workshops, and other resources including navigating the application process and assistance with personal statements.
- **Career Pathways** – join young alumni and professionals to explore and network around a targeted career field. Each event includes a panel discussion with professionals, followed by an opportunity for students to meet and learn more about the variety of careers from industry professionals.