

Human Development and Family Science: Graduate School Checklist

	Gain practical experience with individuals and/or families in your interest area.
	Gain research experience as close to your interests as possible.
— —	Document specific experiences presenting and writing research – you will need a writing sample for your application.
	Do not avoid methodological and statistical courses in your undergraduate program. You will be better prepared for successful performance on the GREs coupled with good writing and analytic skills.
	Identify multiple programs and investigate their degree offerings and other relevant information.
	Identify multiple faculty within those programs whose interests mirror your own.

Use the Following Timeline as a Guide:

January – February	
	Do a quick search to identify schools in your interest area.
	Reach out to the schools you find. Ask them questions about their program and/or application process.
March – June	
	Refine your list based on your research and reach out to specific faculty and graduate students to learn more.
	Plan campus visits that involve meetings with faculty and graduate students.
	Narrow your list and review specific application guidelines and required exams.
	Start preparing for the exams and schedule a time to take them.
	Work on your personal statement/letter of intent.
July – August	
	Create a spreadsheet with information about the application processes – include dates.
September	
	Ask your recommenders for letters.
	Provide recommenders with your spreadsheet, a resume, and personal statement/letter of intent.
October	
	Request transcripts from the Registrar's Office.
November - December	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit your applications!