



CAREER PATHFINDERS

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN

DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

Overview

Developmental Studies draws on the integration of the perspectives and methods of different disciplines to provide a coherent understanding of the biological, environmental, and social factors that influence both individual and group development. It has specific relevance to a growing number of occupations and professions, in early childhood education, child care, and family studies. Graduates may find employment in a variety of governmental and non-governmental agencies dealing with childcare services or human service-oriented professions. Positions may include early learning and child care centre personnel, supervisors and caregivers, family-home visitors, family and community support facilitators, or staff specializing in programs for the developmentally delayed or for children with special learning needs.

*“Instructors in Developmental Studies are inspiring...I feel empowered to make changes and to use the knowledge I have gained to make a difference.”*

- Cassandra Fines, BA, Director of Day Nursery Centre – in Winnipeg

Job Titles

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Worker (NOC 42201)</li> <li>• Child Care Executive Director (NOC 42202)</li> <li>• Child Welfare/Child Services Worker (NOC 42201)</li> <li>• Community Organization Director (NOC 40030)</li> <li>• Corrections Officer (NOC 43201)</li> <li>• Developmental Disabilities Specialist (NOC 42201)</li> <li>• Employment Counsellor (NOC 41321)</li> <li>• Facility Manager (NOC 70012)</li> <li>• Intake Counsellor (NOC 42201)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure Writer (NOC 51111)</li> <li>• Manager/Administrator (NOC 40030)</li> <li>• Probation Officer (NOC 41311)</li> <li>• Program Manager (NOC 40010)</li> <li>• Social and Community Services Worker (NOC 42201)</li> <li>• Elementary School and Kindergarten Teacher (NOC 41221)</li> <li>• Early Child Educator (NOC 42202)</li> <li>• Social Worker (NOC 41300)</li> <li>• Elementary and Secondary School Teacher Assistant (NOC 43100) 1, 2</li> </ul> |
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1 The numbers following each job title refer to [Canada's National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) code](#). Jobs may require additional education or training.

2 Government of Canada. "Human Development, Family Studies and Related Services, Other (19.0799), Bachelor's degree". Job Bank, 24 March 2020, <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/studentdashboard/19.0799/LOS05>

## Work Settings

- Consulting Firms
- Correctional Facilities
- Counselling Agencies
- Educational Institutions
- Government Agencies/Departments
- Health Care Facilities
- Human Resources Departments
- Media/Publishing/Telecommunications Industry
- Political Parties
- Retirement Homes
- Social Service Organizations
- Trade/Professional Organizations

## Skills and Characteristics

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- Research
- Self-Reflection

## Professional Associations and Other Links

- Early Learning and Child Care Program <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/>
- Manitoba Child Care Association <http://mccahouse.org/>
- National Association for the Education of Young Children <https://www.naeyc.org>
- Council for Exceptional Children <https://manitoba.exceptionalchildren.org>
- Society for Research in Child Development <https://www.srkd.org>

This document is intended to provide a starting point for your career research. For more information about UWinnipeg's Developmental Studies program, visit the [Department of Developmental Studies website](#) and the [Developmental Studies Fact Sheet](#).

Students are encouraged to [schedule an appointment with an Academic and Career Advisor](#) for assistance with career planning.

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