



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"> • Case Worker (NOC 4212) • Child Care Executive Director (NOC 4214) • Child Welfare/Child Services Worker (NOC 4212) • Community Organization Director (NOC 4422) • Corrections Officer (NOC 4422) • Developmental Disabilities Specialist (NOC 4212) • Employment Counsellor (NOC 4156) • Facility Manager (NOC 0714) • Intake Counsellor (NOC 4212) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Writer (NOC 5121) • Manager/Administrator (NOC 0423) • Probation Officer (NOC 4155) • Program Manager (NOC 4155) • Social and Community Services Worker (NOC 4212) • Elementary School and Kindergarten Teacher (NOC 4032) • Early Child Educator (NOC 4214) • Social Worker (NOC 4152) • Elementary and Secondary School Teacher Assistant (NOC 4413) ^{1, 2} |
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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.
