

Youth Development and Leadership (Certificate)

The Graduate Certificate in Youth Development and Leadership prepares future and strengthens current professionals working with community-based youth development programs. The required courses are designed to strengthen the student's understanding and application of critical aspects of community youth programs, including theories of youth development, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development, resource development and management, volunteer development, advisory committees and boards, organizational structure, human resource management, and current/emerging issues impacting youth and families.

More Information

Distance Website (<http://online-distance.ncsu.edu/program/graduate-certificate-in-youth-development-leadership/>)

Application Information

Applicants must meet one of these requirements for admission to the graduate certificate program:

- Be a graduate of an accredited four-year college or university with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 at the time of graduation, or
- Be a degree student in good standing in a NC State University graduate program

Applicant Information

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus, Online, Hybrid
- **Entrance Exam:** None
- **Interview Required:** None

Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** February 1 (International students); June 15 (US students)
- **Spring:** July 15 (International students); November 1 (US students)

Plan Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
YFCS 550	Family and Youth Professionals as Leaders	3
YFCS 553	Applied Concepts in Child and Youth Development	3
Organizational Administration Course		3
See "Organizational Administration Electives" listed below		
Youth / Family Development Elective Course		3
See "Youth and Family Development Electives" listed below		
Total Hours		12

Organizational Administration Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following courses:		3
YFCS 531	Effective Management of Family Resources	
YFCS 552	Program Development & Evaluation in Youth & Family Settings	

YFCS 557	Volunteerism in Youth and Family Settings
YFCS 558	Contemporary Issues in Volunteer Resource Management
YFCS 585	Professional Ethics and Family Policy

Youth and Family Development Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following courses:		3
YFCS 502	Theories in Family Science	
YFCS 523	Family Relationships Over the Life Course	
YFCS 531	Effective Management of Family Resources	
YFCS 533	Complex Family Issues	
YFCS 535	Family Health & Well-being	
YFCS 537	Human Sexuality	
YFCS 540	Environmental Influences on the Family	
YFCS 545	Family Communication and Coaching	
YFCS 585	Professional Ethics and Family Policy	