**What is Family Studies?**

Family studies is an area of psychological study and research that examines how individuals change and grow and how those changes interact within the family matrix. By studying these changes and interactions researchers strive to create family relationships that enable all members to thrive. You will learn about current issues facing families and explore the areas of family development, family support systems, and workforce opportunities. The program can prepare you for a rewarding career working with children, parents, and families in a variety of settings.

**LAMC Degrees & Certificates Offered:**

* **Associate of Arts** in Family Studies
* **Associate of Arts** in Gerontology
* **Certificate of Achievement** in Family Studies
* **Certificate of Achievement** in Gerontology
* **Certificate of Accomplishment** in Family Child Care

**Areas of Interest**

* Write reports or evaluations
* Advocate for individual or community needs
* Mental Health Services
* Communicating with others
* Leading a community

**Skills**

* Judgment and decision making
* Social Perceptiveness
* Therapy and Counseling
* Customer and personal services
* Office software

**Transfer Related Majors**

* **CSU Fresno** Family and Consumer Sciences
* **CSU Long Beach** Family and Consumer Sciences
* **CSU Northridge** Family and Consumer Sciences
* **CSU Sacramento** Family and Consumer Sciences
* **CSU San Francisco State** Family and Consumer Sciences

**Potential Job Titles**

* Professor
* Human Service Assistant
* Gerontologist
* Medical Social Worker
* Mediators
* Houseparent
* Healthcare Social Workers
* Workforce Development
* Specialist
* Health Services
* Administrator
* Nursing Home
* Administrators

**Potential Employers**

* Health Care Facilities
* Recreational Centers
* Nursing Homes
* Rehabilitation
* Department of Social Services
* Adult Education Centers
* Mental Health Care Facilities
* Community Affairs Offices
* Law Enforcement

**Work Environment**

* Usually indoors in offices, conference rooms, and meeting halls that are usually quiet
* Most of the work is done while sitting, though, some kneeling may be required
* Must often interact with people from all economic, educational, and cultural backgrounds

**Earnings:**

Earning can vary by occupation and experience. The following are average annual wages as of 2019 in California based on California Career Zone https://www.cacareerzone.org/

**Helpful Resources:**

· LAMC Career Center: www.lamission.edu/careercenter

· CSU Majors: degrees.calstate.edu

· UC Majors: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

· Career Exploration: cacareerzone.org

For more detailed guidance on degrees, or career advice, you can contact the LAMC Career Center at careercenter@lamission.edu