



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 42201) • Child Care Executive Director (NOC 42202) • Child Welfare/Child Services Worker (NOC 42201) • Community Organization Director (NOC 40030) • Corrections Officer (NOC 43201) • Developmental Disabilities Specialist (NOC 42201) • Employment Counsellor (NOC 41321) • Facility Manager (NOC 70012) • Intake Counsellor (NOC 42201) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Writer (NOC 51111) • Manager/Administrator (NOC 40030) • Probation Officer (NOC 41311) • Program Manager (NOC 40010) • Social and Community Services Worker (NOC 42201) • Elementary School and Kindergarten Teacher (NOC 41221) • Early Child Educator (NOC 42202) • Social Worker (NOC 41300) • Elementary and Secondary School Teacher Assistant (NOC 43100) |
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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.
