

# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Accelerated M.A., M.A.

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This degree combines social and natural sciences, exploring the relationship between people, families, and the environment which they live. Three different program tracks are currently available at WMU:

- \*Child Life
- \*Family Life Education
- Textile and Apparel Studies

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My studies gave me exposure to real-world research, which has made me much more confident in seeking a career in this field.

■ Breezy Gibson, alumna

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ART & DESIGN

The textile and apparel studies track of this program is accredited by the **National Associate of Schools of Art and Design**.



\*The child life and family life education tracks allow qualifying students to begin **accumulating up to 12 credits toward completion of a M.A. while enrolled as undergraduates.**

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## CHILD LIFE

The child life concentration provides students with the necessary educational foundation to pursue a career in child life or a related field. Upon graduation, students are eligible to sit for the child life specialist certification exam.

## FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

This concentration prepares professionals to provide prevention and intervention services for effective coping with life events and family transitions. Students acquire knowledge and skills to conduct family life education in a variety of settings and work with individuals and families across the life span.

## TEXTILE AND APPAREL STUDIES

This concentration offers a flexible program for students interested in accelerating their career in fashion business that designs, produces, and markets apparel and related products. The program also serves students planning to pursue a doctorate in preparation for a career in academia.



100% of WMU family and consumer sciences graduate students were employed or continuing education within three months of graduation.



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