

PROGRAM APPROVAL APPLICATION
NEW or SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE or LOCALLY APPROVED
(This application may not exceed 3 pages)

Fill In Form

Certificate of Achievement: Family Studies
Proposed Program Title

Los Angeles Mission College
College

Spring 2017
Projected Program Start Date

Los Angeles Community College District
District

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Goal(s) of Program (Check all that apply):

Career Technical Education (CTE) Transfer Other

Type of Program (Check all that apply):

Certificate of Achievement 12-17 (or 17-27 quarter) units Certificate of Achievement 18+ semester (or 27+ quarter) units
 Associate of Science Degree Associate of Arts Degree

Reason for Approval Request (Check One):

New Program Substantial Change Locally Approved

Program Information

1308 Recommended [Taxonomy of Program \(TOP\) Code](#)
Units for Major-Degree
Total Units for Degree
18 Required Units-Certificate

Written Form

1. Insert the description of the program as it will appear in the catalog. (See PCAH pp. 142 and 170)

Students will explore family development and family interactions, as well as current issues facing families. This certificate will prepare the student for a career working with families in areas such as parenting, advocacy, social services and family support programs.

2. Provide a brief rationale for the program.

The career opportunities for professionals prepared for working with families have grown dramatically over the last decade. Early childhood programs have wide opportunities for home visitors, family advocates and parenting instructors. Social service programs are hiring social services aides, and family support service aides

to work in a variety of positions that offer support and resources for families. The field of special education recognizes the importance of including the entire family in early intervention and in support services for young children with special needs. Parenting education and resource programs are being integrated into early education programs, and facilitators are needed with expertise in building family strengths as well as providing specific skills. Early childhood resource and referral agencies seek employees with skills working with parents to assess and recommend resources. The need for marriage and family therapists, and family counselors continues to grow as these services are becoming integrated into programs and agencies that serve young children and families.

Our nearest California State University (Northridge) offers a graduate program in Family Studies as well as an undergraduate major in Family Studies. We are working with them to collaborate on a pathway between our certificate, our AA and a transfer to BA for those students interested in pursuing workforce employment in this field.

Our proposed certificate offers students an interdisciplinary program to prepare them for employment working with children, parents and families in a variety of settings. A field work class will provide direct experience in settings related to their area of interest, and the opportunity to learn from professionals already employed in the field.

3. Summarize the Labor Market Information (LMI) and employment outlook (including citation for the source of the data) for students exiting the program. (See PCAH pp. 85-88, 136, 147, 148, 165, 168, and 176)

The Family Studies Certificate of Achievement will prepare students for entry-level employment opportunities Social and Human Services Assistants (SOC #21-1093). The following summarizes the LMI in LA and Orange County combined.

- The 2016-2026 job change is projected to be 5,721 jobs (29.3% growth). Annual openings are projected to be 1,064.
- Average entry-level wage is \$14.76 (25 %) with a median wage of \$19.25.
- There were 1,150 regional completions in 2015 in Human Services, General (CIP 44.0000) and Child Development (CIP 19.0706).

With 1,064 annual job openings and 1,150 related regional completions there appears to be an annual net demand of -86 openings. However, this demand gap warrants the regional need for this new program because most of the completions are in the general "Human Services, General" program which prepares students for many different occupations. Based on the strong growth projected for this occupation over the next ten years, and the fact that many of the completers will be preparing for other occupations, there is sure to be a significant gap that LAMC Family Studies certificate holders will fill.

Source: EMSI

4. List similar programs at other colleges in the Los Angeles and Orange County Region which may be adversely impacted. (There is space for 10 listings, if you need more, please contact laocrc@rscsd.edu)

College	Program	Who You Contacted	Outcome of Contact
Saddleback College	Child Development and Education	Barbara Tamialis	No similar program offered
Orange Coast College	Early Childhood Education	Laurie Campbell	No similar program offered

5. List all courses required for program completion, including core requirements, restricted electives and prerequisites. (There is space for 20 listings, if you need more, please contact laocrc.scollege.edu). (See PCAH pp. 143 and 171)

Courses	Course Number	Course Title	Units
Required: 4 courses (12 units)			
Child Development	1	Child Growth and Development	3
Child Development	11	Child, Family and Community	3
Fam&CS	31	Marriage and Family Life	3
Fam&CS	70	Field Experience in Family and Consumer Studies	3
Electives: Select 2 courses (6 units)			
Child Development	55	Home Visitation Programs	3
Fam&CS	6	Challenges of Aging	3
Fam&CS	91	Life Management	3
Sociology	28	The Family: A sociological Approach	3
Sociology	31	Sociology of Gender	3
Psych	41	Life Span Psychology	3

6. Include any other information you would like to share.

This is a new certificate for the Los Angeles Community College District, and we anticipate great interest and demand for the program. As more early childhood programs and family resource centers are being integrated, the need for professionals with an interdisciplinary approach to working with children and families is increasing. While agencies are currently filling these positions, training at the certificate and AA level is not available for entry and assistant positions. A higher recognition of this need is being discussed committee meetings and professional development conferences.

