

MARRIAGE & FAMILY STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF HOME & FAMILY



Kevin Galbraith DEPARTMENT CHAIR (208) 496-4011 <u>GALBRAITHKE@BYUI.EDU</u> Welcome to the Marriage and Family Studies Program! We are excited to have you here to learn with us. We have organized our program into different certificates and believe this makes navigating our program fairly simple. Each student will take the first two certificates (Marriage, Family, & Human Relations; Advanced Marriage and Family Functioning). After these certificates are completed, students finish up their program by selecting one of the three upper-level certificates (Parent & Family Education; Human Services; Child and Family Advocacy) and completing an internship.

After you have done this and completed the other university requirements for graduation (e.g., 120 credits, general education), you will be well on your way to making a difference in the lives of individuals and families. If you would like to get an idea of what types of jobs this degree and these certificates will prepare you for, feel free to search indeed.com using the final three certificate names as keywords (e.g., human services, child advocacy, parent education). You can also review this handout on perspective careers from the National Council on Family Relations.

As you begin, we encourage you to take courses from the Marriage, Family, & Human Relations certificate in your first semester. You can find a list of those classes here. These courses will provide you with a sense of what you will experience in our program. In addition, we invite you to get involved through the many opportunities available to you:

- Check out our department Facebook page
- Participate in the Child and Family Advocacy Society:
- Visit with your professors
- Actively participate in your classes
- Share what you are learning about marriage and family with others

Again, we are grateful to have you as a part of our program. Our hope is that your experience in the marriage and family studies program will enable you to bless individuals and families at a professional, ecclesiastical, and/or personal level. Furthermore, we hope that what you learn will help you strengthen your own marriage and family (whether that is now or in the future). There is so much work to be done to strengthen the families of the world and we are grateful that you are willing to help.

Marriage and Family Studies Faculty



