The University of Rhode Island offers a Master’s of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies (HDF). This innovative program prepares graduates for leadership positions in the areas of human service, policy development, program research and evaluation, and family life education.

Course and Curriculum
The HDF master’s program in developmental science is a two-year full time (three-year part time) degree requiring a minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate courses including 6 elective credits. Students are encouraged to complete an administrative, research, or social service internship to complement their coursework with hands-on experience. Completion of a Master’s Thesis serves as the capstone project for this program. This program also offers a Certificate in Family Life Education.

1. Master’s Training in HDF - specific training in professional areas including human service, policy development, program research and evaluation, and family life education. Choice of research, service, and policy-related internship.
2. Career Enhancement - preparation for those employed professionals and planning to advance to middle or senior-level positions in social service settings, preschools, and other related professional areas. Coursework includes research, theory, program evaluation, and interdisciplinary teamwork.
3. Ph.D. Preparation - preparation for entering into doctoral programs in human development, clinical psychology, public health, developmental psychology, or a related field. Requires completion of advanced statistical training and a research internship.

ADMISSION PROCESS
- 2 academic letter of recommendations*
- 18 undergraduate credits in Human Development or related fields of study
- G.P.A.: 3.2 or higher
- Personal Statement
- Application Deadline: Feb 15th (fall admission only)

*see website for details