Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of families and children in urban and diverse communities? This master’s degree option will give you hands-on experience, opportunities to collaborative with colleagues, and the skills necessary to pursue leadership opportunities in organizations that serve families, young children and their communities.

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- Leadership in Urban and Diverse Communities
- Family Diversity and Social Justice

A Reputation that Opens Doors
CU Denver is recognized for preparing professionals who are passionate about families, education, diversity, equity and social justice. Additionally, CU Denver’s School of Education & Human Development is one of the highest ranked graduate schools in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report. Our faculty are directly connected to the policies and issues facing diverse families and community organizations today.

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As Denver’s oldest and largest provider of subsidized high-quality early childhood education, Mile High Early Learning offers year-round programs in seven early learning centers and two drop-in centers that serve Denver’s poorest neighborhoods, and engages parents and informal child care providers through...
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Curriculum
Courses within the program may be offered online, hybrid or face-to-face depending on the course. Online instruction is designed to work around your busy schedule, while face-to-face instruction allows you to collaborate with your peers and get valuable time with our expert faculty.

All students are required to complete each of the following core courses.

- HDFR 5180: Family, Schools and Community Partnerships
- EDHD 6100: Socio-cultural Contexts of Child Development
- EDHD 6750: Designing Environments for Learning & Development
- EDHD 6600: Motivation in Context
- EDHD 5110: Human Learning
- RSEM 5120: Introduction to Research Methods
- EDHD 6919: Applied Project

Each student will select one of the following two concentration areas of specialization:

**Leadership Concentration**
- HDFR 5002: Family & Life Community Programs
- HDFR 5003: Leadership & Organizations
- HDFR 5004: Grants and Funding

**Family Diversity and Social Justice Concentration**
- HDFR 7260: Family Diversity and Social Justice
- HDFR 5075/4075: Family Policy and Law
- HDFR 5020: Black and Latino Children in Families and Schools

Admissions and Requirements

Participants should already hold a bachelor’s degree and must have the ability to attend classes in Denver. The application deadline is April 1 each year. An application fee of $50 is due at the time of application submission. No GRE is required. You will apply for the MA in Learning, Development and Family Science and select the Mile High Early Learning option. The next cohort will be in June, 2019.

Tuition rates and fees are listed under the graduate school rates for the School of Education & Human Development.

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