

Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) : BA Program HDFE Undergraduate Course

Q1. What are the admission criteria for B.A Program in HDFE?

Ans. For admission in combination with HDFE, a student is eligible who has studied Home Science, it may be treated at par with academic/elective subjects and will be counted as one of the 'Best Four' subjects.

Q2. I am a science student; Can I opt for B.A Program in HDFE?

Ans. Yes, Student with Science background can opt for this course and is admitted without any deduction in marks.

Q3. I did not have Home Science in class XII; Can I opt for B.A Program in HDFE?

Ans. Yes, unlike honours course, studying HDFE in BA Program does not require student to have studied Home Science up to Class 12.

Q4. Give a brief description of this program?

Ans. Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) has been contextualized and embedded in the broader perspective of life span development. The increasing thrust on development programmes and legislations for women and children generates empowering awareness and prepare the students on 'quality intervention programmes'.

The course also emphasizes the integration and application of knowledge on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), to provide stimulating environment to young children, and also to provide practical experiences of working with children which will enable students to develop necessary skills to work effectively with infants and pre-schoolers in various settings.

The course offers an interesting assortment of skill-based courses and generic courses for students of other disciplines to allow for effective transmission of relevant experiences of daily life. HDFE is unique in its interdisciplinary focus on individuals and families over the lifespan.

HDFE also contains a focus on preventing and intervening in problem behaviours. HDFE majors learn how to implement and evaluate programs which are designed to improve the quality of people's lives.

This subject engages students in a curriculum that values and supports interdisciplinary perspectives and combines classroom learning with field opportunities.

Q5. How many courses of HDFE will the student need to study as main option in BA Program?

Ans. Student with HDFE as main subject in BA program, studies one course of HDFE in each semester.

Sem-1 (Principles of Child Development), Sem-2 (Introduction to Human Development), Sem-3 (Empowerment of Women and Children), Sem-4 (Principles and Perspective on Early Childhood Care and Education), Sem-5 (Child Rights And Gender Empowerment), Sem-6 (Children With Special Need).

Q 6. Explain the nature of the program?

Ans. The subject Human Development and Family Empowerment expands its earlier nomenclature of Family and Child Welfare to endorse the philosophy of development over welfare. The subject makes students aware of the important field of Human Development to impart knowledge on various developmental stages beginning from prenatal development to old age.

The discipline is both science and art in its nature. It builds on the fundamental principles of development as portrayed by theories as a result of inductive reasoning. Also it offers an opportunity to young minds to come up with their own folk theories conceptualized from day to day experiences. It's a three year under graduate programme in which each semester offers different courses with regard to HDFE. It includes theory as well as practical experience along with field work at the grassroots level.

This subject helps students to critically examine the issues of life and become active agents in bringing affirmative changes in society. It also helps students to explore contemporary issues, understand the magnitude of daily life problems and identify appropriate solutions to help humankind at large.

Q.8 If student does not opt for HDFE as main subject, is there any other way of studying HDFE paper?

Ans. BA program and BCom program students can also choose HDFE as their Generic Elective in third year, wherein they can study Care and Well-being in Human Development and Child Rights and Social Actions papers respectively.

And also, BA program students can also choose HDEF as their Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) from Second year, wherein they can study Sem-3 Life Skill Education, Sem-4 Introduction to Guidance and Counselling, Sem-5 Parent and Community Education, Sem-6 Adolescent Development and Challenges.

Q.9 After opting for HDFE course, is the student able to pursue extra-curricular interests?

Ans. HDFE only demands sincerity and consistency in studies and in no way constrains the student to pursue her extra-curricular interests. Our students not only participate, but excel in sports, music, dance, dramatics, creativity, debates, speech and writing etc.

Q 10. What are the internship options during 3 years of the program?

Ans. During the three-year programme students get lot of internship programme. The 1st year students are made to do observations at various NGOs, working for the welfare of women and children. In the 2nd year, they are made to visit the guidance and counselling centres in Delhi to develop skills of a counsellor. Also, in the same semester, they are made to go for one-week internship in nearby Early Childhood Education centres working for young children. In the final year, students are given an option to get experience of working with

challenged kids. They work at the special school for around one month and reports are prepared based on their experience and observations at the school.

Q 11. What is the further scope of the program?

Ans. HDFE has sustained itself as a major employment sphere in research and in extension of social services. They further can go for the post-graduation (MSc. HDCS). Nursery schools, family planning agencies, family counselling centres, pre-primary training centres, agricultural research centres, social welfare departments are some of the areas where HDFE graduates and post graduates can find suitable places.

Job Opportunities:

Vocational area	Opportunities of further education	Job opportunities after advanced course
Human Development	Diploma of Special Educators/Child Development Counsellors, Child guidance and counselling certificate course, BSc Elementary Education, Diploma in ECCE, Diploma in Women Rights, MSc. in Human Development.	Child Day care Supervisor, Preschool teacher, Social-Worker, Special Educator, After-school Programme Supervisor, counsellor, Project assistant in MWCD, Lecturer, can work as project coordinators in NGOs.