

Working with Military Families, Certificate

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Gain valuable skills and experience to help you pursue a career working with military personnel and their families.

Description

Students enrolled in the working with military families certificate program combine academic coursework and military leadership training to gain skills in human development, marital and familial relationships, and family dynamics in the context of military culture.

The program teaches students to understand the complex challenges that military personnel, military families and veterans face, such as dealing with multiple deployments, war, combat, trauma and death. They study normative family processes, stress and coping with military culture and leadership.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate requires 18 credit hours. At least 12 credit hours must be completed at the upper-division level and a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher is required in all courses.

Required Courses -- 15 credit hours

[CDE 232: Human Development \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

[FAS 101: Personal Growth and Relationships \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

[FAS 331: Modern Family Relationships \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

FAS 410: Military Family Systems in a Democracy (3)

OGL 300: Theory and Practice of Leadership or PAF 311: Leadership and Change (SOBE OR SB) or

MIS 301: Training Management and the Warfighting Functions (L) or AES 301: Leading People and Effective Communication I (L) (3)

Internship Requirement -- 3 credit hours

FAS 484: Internship (3)

Students are required to complete a capstone internship project that includes a field work experience, a written integrative paper and an oral presentation.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

There are no admission requirements beyond those for admission to ASU.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Analyze family relationship patterns, including communication, conflict, roles.
- Analyze the contextual influences on individual and family relationships specific to military families
- Understand the contextual influences on individual and family relationships specific to military families

Career opportunities

Students can become more marketable to employers and advance their career options when they complement their major with this undergraduate certificate specialization in working with military families.

Understanding and appreciating the similarities and differences between civilian and military culture helps students become more inclusive coworkers, managers and community members with regard to those in the military community and their families. Students who complete this undergraduate certificate often decide to pursue employment in health care, counseling or social work, sociology or education.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Contact information

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