Child and Family Studies Program
Application Information

We are so glad that you are interested in the Child and Family Studies Program at Portland State University!

The following is information to guide you in the application process:

• First of all, you must be admitted to Portland State University.
• You must be of junior status by the term that you will be admitted.
• You may submit your application at any time. Applications will be accepted until 30 students have been selected for Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters. If your application is received after we’ve selected 30 students for that quarter your application will be considered for the following quarter.

The Application Packet should contain the following:

1) A completed application form (available on the website);
2) Two references using the reference form that is available on the website. Select two people who can serve as references for you. They should be people, other than family or friends, who know your work with children, youth, or families. Download the form from the website, complete the top part of the form, and give a copy to the people you have selected as references. Ask them to complete the form and a letter and place them in an envelope, sign the sealed envelope flap, and return it to you. You will submit these envelopes as part of your packet;
3) Your unofficial transcripts from any and all colleges that you have attended.
4) Answer the following prompts in 300 words or less per prompt and please double space your response:
   • Why you have chosen the CFS major;
   • What strengths you bring to the program;
   • What areas of your professional development you think you need to further develop;
   • A description of the experiences you have had with people who are different from yourself (differences could include gender, race, religion, economics stability, age, sexual orientation, life choices, physical abilities, etc.);
   • Opportunities you have had to think about your own racial/ethnic identity and how race and culture can impact our professional interactions with children and families;
   • What your professional goals and aspirations are;
   • What your grades do and don’t tell us about yourself; and
   • Anything else about yourself that you would like us to know.
Please turn in all application materials as a single Application Packet.

Mail your completed Application Packet to:

   Child and Family Studies Program
   Portland State University
   PO Box 751-CFS
   Portland, OR 97207-0751

You will be notified around the time you register for the term you are admitted. If you are admitted you will need to attend an Orientation Meeting prior to starting the term. This meeting is mandatory and your admittance will be provisional until you attend the Orientation Meeting. The date for the Orientation Meeting will be provided in your admissions letter.