Human Development and Family Sciences Program Learning Outcomes:

Graduates from the Human Development & Family Sciences degree program will be able to:

- **Outcome 1:** Describe and explain processes and mechanisms underlying human and family development across the lifespan.

- **Outcome 2:** Compare and contrast the major domains of human development (*i.e.*, biological, cognitive, social and emotional) and describe ways in which they influence one another.

- **Outcome 3:** Explain the formation, dynamics, and disruption of intimate relationships and their influence on health and well-being.

- **Outcome 4:** Describe and analyze how public policy, diversity (*e.g.*, race, gender, sexuality), and inequalities (*e.g.*, historical, economic, educational) shape the development and well-being of individuals and families.

- **Outcome 5:** Apply the theories and methodologies of behavioral science to evaluate, propose, and implement evidence-based recommendations that have the potential to improve the quality of human life.

- **Outcome 6:** Effective communication:
  - Write clear, concise, stylistically appropriate written reports with evidence.
  - Deliver professional, persuasive and evidence-based oral presentations.
  - Create and use figures and graphs appropriately to support an argument.
  - Translate research to a broader general audience.

- **Outcome 7:** Information literacy:
  - Identify and evaluate information sources.
  - Read and interpret primary literature.
  - Synthesize primary literature into a review paper.
  - Compare and contrast conflicting findings within the literature.

- **Outcome 8:** Computational & technological literacy:
  - Explain and interpret results from statistical outputs.
  - Apply appropriate statistical methods to solve discipline-specific problems.
• Organize, process, represent, and interpret numerical data using discipline-specific technology and platforms.

• **Outcome 9**: Self-directed learning:
  o Attain a discipline-specific goal independently, requiring minimal supervision.
  o Design, execute, and present material gained from a learning experience.
  o Be persistent, and respond productively to mistakes.
  o Analyze and critically evaluate one’s own work to identify areas for improvement.

• **Outcome 10**: Teamwork:
  o Analyze a problem and devise a solution through collaboration in a group.
  o Plant and coordinate with a group for maximal cooperation, efficiency and effectiveness.
  o Communicate and work effectively with people different from oneself.
  o Apply effective conflict management strategies.