

## Certificate: Family History Research

### Certificate Description:

The certificate in family history research helps students gain the fundamental research skills and knowledge needed to become a successful family history researcher. This certificate is developed and granted by BYU-Idaho.

Course Code	Course Name	14 Credits
FHGPC 111	Intro to Family History Research I	3 Credits
FDREL 261	Introduction to Family History	2 Credits
FHGEN 112	Intro to Family History Research II	3 Credits
FHGEN 120	Internet and Computer Skills	3 Credits
FHGEN 130	Paleography	3 Credits

### Course Descriptions:

#### ***FHGPC 111 (3 credits) – Introduction to Family History Research I***

This course is an introduction to basic genealogical research principles and record groups. The course focuses on solving basic United States research problems. Students will learn how to find original sources to answer genealogical questions, record genealogical information using professional standards, use key genealogical sources, and organize family history information.

#### ***FDREL 261 (2 credits) – Introduction to Family History***

In this course students will learn the doctrines surrounding family history and temple work. Skills associated with gathering, preserving, researching, and sharing family records, as well as doing temple work for ancestors will be introduced.

#### ***FHGEN 112 (3 credits) – Introduction to Family History Research II***

This course is an introduction to genealogical evidence, analysis, and research methodology. Students will learn how to do the following: use facts, proofs, evidence, and sources to build a case of accurate genealogical conclusion, analyze and weigh evidence to meet genealogical proof standards, cite courses using professional standards, and place their ancestors in historical context.

#### ***FHGEN 120 (3 credits) – Internet and Computer Skills***

This course is an introduction to genealogical software, key genealogical resources on the Internet, and the computer search skills essential for genealogical research. This course does not provide instruction in how to use a computer.

#### ***FHGEN 130 (3 credits) – Paleography***

This online course is an introduction to paleography as it relates to genealogical research. Paleography is the study of ancient writing systems and the deciphering and dating of historical manuscripts. The course focuses on United States records, and introduces you to Old English, German, and Scandinavian scripts found in US and European records.

### **Outcomes:**

- Define a genealogical research problem.
- Develop a plan to effectively and efficiently solve a basic US research problem.
- Gather information from documents relevant to a basic US research problem.
- Analyze evidence on a basic level to reach appropriate conclusions.
- Record conclusions in standard genealogical formats such as family group sheets, pedigree charts, oral histories, family histories, and personal histories.
- Teach family history skills to others and assist in promoting family history work.

### **Potential Employment:**

- Self-Employment
- With Associate degree, possibility for Professional Researcher or Educational Institution