

**Associate of Applied Science: Marriage and Family Studies**

**Degree Description:**

The associate of applied science in marriage and family studies consists of two certificates and general education requirements. Completion of this degree will build upon the development of soft skills obtained during a student’s first certificate in marriage, family, and human relations. Students will also deepen their understanding of both research and theory pertaining to healthy marriage and family functioning. Whereas the first certificate provides many skills related to healthy family functioning, the subsequent certificate in advanced marriage and family functioning will deepen understanding of family dynamics through a more thorough discussion of principles, research, and theory. With the completion of these certificates, students are well prepared with a foundational understanding of the science, theory, and doctrine pertaining to successful marriages and families. They also will have an advanced understanding of family functioning and demonstrate basic communication and money management skills. This degree is developed and granted by BYU-Idaho.

**Outcomes**

Students who successfully complete the degree will be able to:

- Describe basic principles and theories concerning healthy marriage and family functioning, as set forth in both religious and secular sources.
- Create practical plans for improving marriage and family functioning.
- Synthesize relevant research findings pertaining to marriage and family studies.
- Effectively advocate for marriage and family.
- Apply basic principles regarding healthy marriage and family functioning.

**Potential Employment:**

Typically, additional certificates or degrees could be required in this field before substantial employment could be expected. Some entry-level positions could be obtained in the following areas:

- Social and community services
- Family mediation
- Parent education
- Family issues and child advocacy

**Program Requirements:**

<b>Complete the following certificates:</b>	<b>30 Credits</b>
Marriage, Family, and Human Relations – C142	15 Credits
Advanced Marriage and Family Functioning – C151	15 Credits

**Fulfill Remaining General Education and University Requirements**