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ABOUT THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Youth Development program is the only online degree available focusing solely on the skills to serve today's young people. Students become immersed in a strengths-based curriculum and learn a methodology that supports youth, enabling them to grow socially, emotionally and cognitively.

The Great Plains IDEA Youth Development program is based on the system of Positive Youth Development. Rather than focusing solely on corrective measures, Positive Youth Development equips growing individuals with the skill set necessary for a successful transition into adulthood.

VALUE OF A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEGREE

There is increased demand for qualified employees who understand and can address the unique needs of young people. A master's degree or graduate certificate in Youth Development can lead to rewarding careers in the following areas:

- 4-H
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Non-profits
- Faith-based groups
- Community recreation
- Juvenile justice facilities
- Middle & high school programs
- Extension services
- Military youth programs

ONLINE MASTER’S DEGREE

36 CREDIT HOURS

CORE COURSES

- Youth Policy
- Adolescents & Their Families
- Administration & Program Management
- Contemporary Youth Issues
- Youth in Cultural Contexts
- Community Youth Development
- Youth Professionals as Consumers of Research
- Program Design, Evaluation, and Implementation
- Youth Development
- Foundations of Youth Development

ONLINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

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