Through MSU and a consortium of universities called Great Plains IDEA, students who are interested in Family Financial Planning can earn an online master’s degree and become eligible to test with the Certified Financial Planners® Board of Standards.

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This program helps working professionals who already have bachelor's degrees start careers assisting people with personal finances. The program is conducted in cooperation with the Board of Standards for the Certified Financial Planner® program. Successful students will be eligible to take the Certified Financial Planner® Certification Examination.

**The curriculum**

This 36 credit-hour master's degree program in Financial Planning consists of eight 3-credit core courses and twelve credits of elective course work. Students work with their academic adviser on appropriate course selection and sequence.

**Core Courses**

- HDFP 515, Insurance Planning for Families
- HDFP 520, Investing for the Family’s Future
- HDFP 525, Retirement Planning, Employee Benefits and the Family
- HDFP 530, Estate Planning for Families
- HDFP 540, Personal Income Taxation
- HDFP 545, Financial Theory and Research I
- HDFP 555, Financial Counseling
- HDFP 572, Financial Planning Case Studies

**Electives**

- HDFP 510, Fundamentals of Financial Planning
- HDFP 550, Housing/Real Estate
- HDFP 560, Professional Practices
- HDFP 575, Professional Paper
- HDFP 576, Professional Practicum
- HDFP 594, Seminar

**About Distance Learning**

The Family Financial Planning Program is designed with working professionals in mind. Most students take one or two three-credit courses per semester, which allows them to juggle work and family responsibilities. Prospective students should plan on allocating eight to 12 hours per week for a three-credit course. The FFP program is an asynchronous program, meaning that the student is not required to be online at any specific time during the week. The only requirement is that students have a computer and access to the Internet.

**About Montana State University**

Montana State University is a world-class research university that encourages exploration and inspires creativity. As Montana’s land-grant university, MSU is dedicated to delivering a hands-on curriculum that is relevant, practical and focused. Faculty are leaders in their fields and committed to every student’s success. MSU is regionally accredited by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU); professional schools and departments are approved by specialized accrediting organizations. MSU has offered online courses for professionals since 1993.