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The purpose of this research was to study the trends of undergraduate home economics curriculum and instruction of family and child development majors. The current curricula from Sukothaithammathi-rat, Rajamonkala Institute and Kasetsart university were analysed by using documentary research. Trends of the curriculum and instruction studies by Delphi Technique from 26 expertises. The results revealed that the trends and movement of Thai society will effect Thai family in many ways such as stress in each family member and family construct, tend to be nuclear family. This type of family depends on the other people in child rearing which may cause retardation of child growth and development, and lead to deviate behaviors. Thus, hurry to produce the graduates were expected to proress the desired characteristics as follows being from this curriculum intellectual have ability to search,for new knowledge sensitive for any change occured, having communication skills, good conduct in moral and ethics. Content of instruction should place an emphasis on the family education and child development. Learning process should emphasize thinking process and problem investigation for decision making. Courses for professional experience should be required from the first to the fourth year in every semester. Course regarding family and child development should be required for both undergraduate and high school students.