Bachelor of Science in Family and Child Studies: Emphasis 3: Child Development
Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students

This transfer guide is designed as an advising tool to facilitate a smooth transition between institutions by identifying relevant course work recommended to be completed prior to transfer.

Community college students are encouraged to
• Complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer
• Utilize the NIU Articulation Handbook for information regarding the transferability of courses.  
  http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/plan/credits/index.shtml
• Review “Limited Admissions Programs Transfer Course Equivalents” (if appropriate) provided by the NIU Transfer Center.  
  http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/plan/credits/limited/index.shtml
• Consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences and/or review the websites for their intended majors for detailed information about special requirements, program admission requirements, and course requirements.  www.chhs.niu.edu

The mission of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at Northern Illinois University is to generate and transmit knowledge that supports families and individuals in meeting human needs for self-development, social interaction, resource allocation, clothing, food and nutrition, and hospitality. All programs lay the groundwork for graduate study.

All three emphases in Family and Child Studies prepare the student to work as professionals serving families and children, or to pursue secondary teaching certification in Family and Consumer Sciences. The Child Development emphasis provides preparation for professionals who serve infants, toddlers and young children and their parents in parent-child programs both home and community based, in programs for parents and expectant parents, in child-life programs, early intervention, early childhood education, and in leadership/advocacy positions. It is recommended as preparation for advanced degrees in child development, family and child studies, and related fields.

The Family and Child Studies major is a limited admissions program which requires students to submit a program application directly to the School of FCNS office in Wirtz Hall 118. Students must have already completed the course requirements as described in the Undergraduate Catalog limited admission section for Family and Child Studies prior to submitting an application. Applications for fall admissions are due by March 1 and applications for spring admission are due...
by September 15; applications are available online at the Family, Consumer & Nutrition Sciences website (http://www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns/) approximately one month prior to each deadline. Students admitted to NIU, but not to a specific major in the school, will be classified as pre-FCNS majors in the School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences.

Prospective students should make formal application to the School of Family and Consumer Sciences by March 1 of their sophomore year. A student who enters the program with the courses as listed and who have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree can usually expect to complete the NIU program in two years.

**Major in Family and Child Studies: Emphasis 3, Child Development**

**Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer**

- ENGL 203* Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
- One of the following:
  - BIOS 103 General Biology (3)
  - BIOS 109 Human Biology (3)
- FCNS 230* Child Development (3)
- FCNS 280* Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)
- FCNS 284 Introduction to Family Relationships (3) (if available)
- PSYC 102* Introduction to Psychology (3)
- SOCI 170 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- STAT 208* Basic Statistics (3)
- One of the following: ENGL 350, UHHS 350, MATH 155, MATH 201, MATH 210, MATH 211, MATH 229, PHIL 105, PSYC 305

* requires a C or better for admission to the family and child studies major at NIU; (see limited admissions section of the NIU online catalog).

**Courses to be Completed at NIU**

- FCNS 231 An Observational Approach to the Study of Young Children (3)
- FCNS 330 Principles of Guiding Young Children (3)
- FCNS 331 Inclusive Program Planning for Infants, Toddlers and Their Parents (3)
- FCNS 332 Inclusive Program Planning for Children 3-8 Years of Age and Their Parents (3)
- FCNS 432 Theories of Child Development (3)
- FCNS 482 Child Abuse and Neglect (3)
- FCNS 490 Practicum in Infant and Child Development Laboratories (12)
  - *Students must take 12 semester hours in this course*
- FCNS 498 Professional Seminar in FCNS (3)

One of the following areas of study (9): Parent/Infant Specialist; Child Life Specialist; Leadership Studies.

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1 Based on requirements in the 2016/17 Undergraduate Catalog
Specific information about admission requirements to Northern Illinois University and to programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences can be found in the current NIU Undergraduate Catalog. Contact the Office of Admissions to obtain an application for admission. For additional information on programs in the college, contact HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu

- College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- Department of Military Science (815) 752-7682
- School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
  - Medical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
  - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
  - Physical Therapy (815) 753-1383
- School of Family and Consumer Sciences (815) 753-1543
- School of Health Studies
  - Public Health & Health Education: (815) 753-1384
- School of Nursing
  - Nursing: (815) 753-1231
- Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
- Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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