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](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](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](http://www.chhs.niu.edu)

The mission of the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition 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 Family Social Services emphasis is intended for students who seek entry-level employment in family service, family life education, mental health, or community welfare agencies which serve primarily older children, adolescents, adults, couples, and/or the elderly. It is recommended as preparation for advanced degrees in social work, family and child studies, marriage and family therapy, and related fields. Students hoping to do graduate work should strongly consider a minor in sociology, psychology, or political science.

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 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, Consumer, and Nutrition 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 2, Family Social Services**

**Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer**

- ENGL 203* Rhetoric and Composition II (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)
- SOCI 260 Introduction to Social Psychology (3)
  or PSYC 372 Social Psychology (3)^2
- STAT 208* Basic Statistics (3)
  or STAT 301* Elementary Statistics (4)
- One of the following: ENGL 350, UHHS 350, MATH 155, 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 180 Personal Development and the Family (3)
- One of the following:
  - FCNS 201 Human Nutrition (3)
  - FCNS 207 The Consumer
  - FCNS 285 Introduction to Family Life Education (3)
  - FCNS 405 Child Health and Nutrition (3)
  - PHHE 306 Human Sexuality (3)
- FCNS 230 Child Development (3)
  or EPS 307 Development of the Adolescent (3)
- FCNS 343 Family Financial Planning (3)
- FCNS 382 Group Process and Personal and Family Functioning (3)
- FCNS 383 Clinical Applications in Family Social Services (3)
- FCNS 431 Internship in Family Social Services (7-15) - Students must take 7 semester hours in this course
- FCNS 445 Management of Human and Family Resources (3)
- FCNS 481 Professional Practice in Family Social Services (3)
- FCNS 484 Family Theories (3)

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1 Based on requirements in the 2016/17 Undergraduate Catalog
2 PSYC 372 may not be offered at all community colleges
FCNS 488 Working with Ethnically Diverse Children & Families in the U.S. (3)
or FCNS 384 Asian American Families (3)
One of the following: FCNS 438, FCNS 482, FCNS 483, FCNS 486, PSYC 316

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, Consumer, and Nutrition 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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