Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences:

Emphasis 2: Family Social Services

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](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 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 Human Development and Family Sciences 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, Human Development and Family Sciences, 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 Human Development and Family Sciences major is a limited admissions program which requires students to submit a program application directly to the School of HDFS office in Wirtz Hall 118. Students must have already completed the course requirements as described in the
Undergraduate Catalog limited admission section for Human Development and Family Sciences 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/HDFS/) 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-HDFS 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 Human Development and Family Sciences: Emphasis 2, Family Social Services

Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer
ENGL 203* Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
HDFS 280* Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)
HDFS 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, HSCI 350, MATH 155, MATH 210, MATH 211, MATH 229, PHIL 105, PSYC 305

* requires a C or better for admission to the Human Development and Family Sciences major at NIU; (see limited admissions section of the NIU online catalog).

Courses to be Completed at NIU

HDFS 180 Personal Development and the Family (3)
One of the following:
   HDFS 201 Human Nutrition (3)
   HDFS 207 The Consumer
   HDFS 285 Introduction to Family Life Education (3)
   NUTR 405 Child Health and Nutrition (3)
   PHHE 406 Human Sexuality (3)
HDFS 230 Child Development (3)
   or EPS 307 Development of the Adolescent (3)
HDFS 343 Family Financial Planning (3)
HDFS 382 Group Process and Personal and Family Functioning (3)
HDFS 383 Clinical Applications in Family Social Services (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
HDFS 431 Internship in Family Social Services (7-15) - Students must take 7 semester hours in this course
HDFS 445 Management of Human and Family Resources (3)
HDFS 481 Professional Practice in Family Social Services (3)
HDFS 484 Family Theories (3)
HDFS 488 Working with Ethnically Diverse Children & Families in the U.S. (3)
  or HDFS 384 Asian American Families (3)
One of the following: HDFS 438, HDFS 482, HDFS 483, HDFS 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) 753-6239
- School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
  - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
  - Health Sciences (815) 753-1383
- School of Family and Consumer Sciences (815) 753-1543
- School of Health Studies
  - Medical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
  - Nutrition, Dietetics & Wellness (815) 753-1891
  - Public Health: (815) 753-1384
- School of Nursing
  - Nursing: (815) 753-1231
- Gerontology Program (815) 753-1891
- Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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