1. Transfer students wishing to major in Family and Child Studies will be classified as pre-majors in the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences until they have met the requirements below and are admitted to the program.

2. Students may make formal application for consideration for admission to the major in Family and Child Studies after they have satisfied the follow requirements with a grade of “C” or better in each course:

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<td>ENGL 203 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)</td>
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<td>STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3) or</td>
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**Additional Prerequisite for Emphasis 1, Family and Individual Development (3):**

| SOCI 170 Introduction to Sociology (3) or       | SOC 101                                   |
| FCNS 230 Child Development (3) or               | ECE 102 or PSY 216                        |
| FCNS 280 Human Development, the Family and Society (3) | PSY 228                               |

**Additional Prerequisite for Emphasis 2, Family Social Services (3):**

| SOCI 170 Introduction to Sociology (3) or       | SOC 101                                   |
| FCNS 280 Human Development, the Family and Society (3) | PSY 228                               |

There is a completion program in emphasis 2, which is limited to students with an **Applied Associate of Science degree** in human development and family studies from City Colleges of Chicago. Upon successful completion at NIU of at least 7 semester hours of FCNS 431, and one 3 credit upper division elective. The required community service hours will be waived for students who have completed the Associate mentioned above. Graduates of other community colleges with similar programs can petition the School of FCNS for a review of their transcripts.

**Additional Prerequisite for Emphasis 3, Child Development (3):**

| FCNS 230 Child Development (3) or               | ECE 102 or PSY 216                        |
| FCNS 280 Human Development, the Family and Society (3) | PSY 228                               |

3. A cumulative GPA of 2.20 or higher on a 4.00 scale (as calculated by NIU) is required; however, admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the completion of the prerequisite courses above and on the student’s overall GPA in course work taken at NIU and/or transferred from other institutions. The GPA from the most recent evaluation of credit on file will be used until 15 semester hours are earned at NIU, with at least 12 of those hours being credit that applies to either the major, minor, or general education requirements.

4. Transfer students should immediately request an application from the School of FCNS. After such students are accepted into the university, their applications will be transmitted to the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences for admission consideration. Students should seek departmental advisement at Orientation or as soon as they arrive on campus.

5. To be considered for admission, students must have their applications to the university and to the School of FCNS complete (must be admitted) by the following deadlines:

   - Program application deadline: March 1 (summer/fall terms)
   - Program application deadline: September 15 (spring term)

**Students intending to transfer to NIU should seek academic advisement from their community college counselor.**