



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Health and Human Sciences

## Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences: Emphasis 3: Child Development Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students<sup>1</sup>

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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>
- 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. <https://www.chhs.niu.edu>

The mission of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) 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 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. 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 care and early childhood education, and in leadership/advocacy positions. Child Development students are also eligible to receive various Gateways credentials. It is recommended as preparation for advanced degrees in child development, Human Development and Family Sciences, and related fields.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on requirements in the 2020/21 *Undergraduate Catalog*



### Major in Human Development and Family Sciences: 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)

HDFS 230 Child Development (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)

STAT 100 Basic Statistics (3)

One of the following: ENGL 350, HSCI 350, MATH 155, MATH 201, MATH 210, MATH 211, MATH 229, PHIL 105, PSYC 305

#### Courses to be Completed at NIU

HDFS 231 An Observational Approach to the Study of Young Children (3)

HDFS 330/330A Principles of Guiding Young Children (4)

HDFS 331/331A Inclusive Program Planning for Infants, Toddlers and Their Parents (4)

HDFS 332/332A Inclusive Program Planning for Children 3-8 Years of Age and Their Parents (4)

HDFS 399 Professional Seminar in FACS (3)

HDFS 432 Theories of Child Development (3)

HDFS 482 Child Abuse and Neglect (3)

HDFS 490 Practicum in Child Development and Family Center(7) *Students must take 7 semester hours in this course*

One of the following areas of study (9-18): Parent/Infant Specialist; Child Life Specialist; Leadership Studies.

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](mailto:HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu)

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