



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Health and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences: Emphasis 2: Family Social Services Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students¹

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. 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, 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 [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.

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.

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



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 230 Child Development (3)
or EPS 307 Development of the Adolescent (3)
HDFS 280 Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)
HDFS 284 Introduction to Family Relationships (3)
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)
SOC 170 Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOC 260 Introduction to Social Psychology (3)
or PSYC 372 Social Psychology (3)²
STAT 100 Basic Statistics (3)
or STAT 200 Elementary Statistics (4)
One of the following: ENGL 350, HSCI 350, MATH 155, MATH 210, MATH 211, MATH 229, PHIL 105, PSYC 305

Courses to be Completed at NIU

HDFS 180 Personal Development and the Family (3)
One of the following:
NUTR 201 Human Nutrition (3)
HDFS 207 The Consumer
NUTR 405 Child Health and Nutrition (3)
PHHE 406 Human Sexuality (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)
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 477 Domestic Violence and Trauma in the Family (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)
Courses to complete one of the following areas of study (12) (see catalog): Child Welfare Services, Prevention and Intervention with Family, Leadership and Policy 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

² PSYC 372 may not be offered at all community colleges



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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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