

**Limited Admissions Program Course Equivalencies**

**Effective for all course work completed by applicants in the following terms: Fall 2009, Spring 2010, and Summer 2010**

Please see the NIU *Undergraduate Catalog* for specific admission information.

**Family and Child Studies Major  
School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences**

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[http://www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns/undergrad/fc\\_studies/index.shtml](http://www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns/undergrad/fc_studies/index.shtml)

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 following requirements with a **grade of "C"** or better in each course:

<b>NIU Courses</b>	<b>Elgin Equivalents</b>
<b>For all Emphases ( 9-10 ):</b>	
ENGL 104 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)	ENG 102
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)	PSY 100
STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3) <b>or</b> MATH 110 College Algebra (3) <b>or</b> Meet NIU's Math core competency requirement (3-4)	MTH 102 or 120 MTH 112 or 107 & 109
<b>Additional Prerequisite for Emphasis 1, Family and Individual Development (3):</b>	
SOCI 170 Introduction to Sociology (3) <b>or</b> FCNS 230 Child Development (3) <b>or</b> FCNS 280 Human Development, the Family and Society (3)	SOC 100 ECE 174 or PSY 212 PSY 218
<b>Additional Prerequisite for Emphasis 2, Family Social Services (3):</b>	
SOCI 170 Introduction to Sociology (3) <b>or</b> FCNS 280 Human Development, the Family and Society (3)	SOC 100 PSY 218
<b>Additional Prerequisite for Emphasis 3, Child Development (3):</b>	
FCNS 230 Child Development (3) <b>or</b> FCNS 280 Human Development, the Family and Society (3)	ECE 174 or PSY 212 PSY 218

*There is a completion program in emphasis 3, which is limited to students with an **associate in applied science degree in Childcare and Child Development** from programs that have a formally established agreement with the School of FCNS. Up to 15 semester hours of proficiency credit may be applied to this area of study with the consent of the NIU academic advisor or school chair.*

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)**