

# Major in Family and Child Studies: Emphasis 3: Child Development

College of Health and Human Sciences  
Northern Illinois University

## Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students

The mission of the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition 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 family and child studies prepare the student to work as professionals serving families and children, or to pursue secondary teaching certification in Family and Consumer Science. 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 childhood education, and in leadership/advocacy positions. It is recommended as preparation for advanced degrees in child development, family and child studies, and related fields.

The family and child studies major is a limited admissions program which requires students to submit a program application directly to the school office. Students must have already completed the course requirements as described in the *Undergraduate Catalog* [limited admission section for Family & Child Studies](#) prior to submitting an application. Applications for fall admissions are due by March 1 and applications for spring admission are due by September 15. Student admitted to NIU, but not to a specific major in the school, will be classified as pre-majors in the School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences.

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 advised to also complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer and to consult the [NIU Articulation Handbook](#) for information regarding the transferability of courses. To view course equivalencies, students are encouraged to view the [Limited Admissions Programs Transfer Course Equivalents](#) page. All students planning to transfer are advised to consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences for detailed information.

Prospective students should make formal application to the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition 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.

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### Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer

ENGL 104\* Rhetoric and Composition II (3)

One of the following:

BIOS 103 General Biology (3)

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BIOS 109 Human Biology (3)

FCNS 230\* Child Development (3)

FCNS 280\* Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)

PSYC 102\* Introduction to Psychology (3)

SOCI 170 Introduction to Sociology (3)

STAT 208\* Basic Statistics (3)

One of the following: ENGL 250, IHHS 350, MATH 155, MATH 201, MATH 210, MATH 211, MATH 229, PHIL 105, PSYC 305

\* requires a C or better for admission to the family and child studies major at NIU (refer to catalog).

### Courses to be Completed at NIU

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

FCNS 284 Introduction to Family Relationships (3)

FCNS 330 Principles of Guiding Young Children (3)

FCNS 331 Inclusive Program Planning for Infants, Toddlers and Their Parents (3)

FCNS 332 Inclusive Program Planning for Children 3-8 Years of Age and Their Parents (3)

FCNS 432 Theories of Child Development (3)

FCNS 489C Topical Issues in Family and Child Studies: Child Abuse and Neglect (3)

FCNS 490 Practicum in Infant and Child Development Laboratories (12)

*Students must take 12 semester hours in this course*

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

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<sup>1</sup> Based on requirements in the 2008-2009 *Undergraduate Catalog*

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)

- ❖ College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 752-7682
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
  - Clinical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
  - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
  - Physical Therapy (815) 753-1383
- ❖ School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (815) 753-6350
- ❖ School of Nursing and Health Studies
  - Nursing (815) 753-1231
  - Health Studies (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
- ❖ Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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