

**Baccalaureate Degree Completion  
College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS)  
Northern Illinois University**

**Elgin Community College Partnership**

This program is uniquely designed for professionals who hold a professional credential, certificate, or license in health or human services and have completed an applied associate program or an equivalent number of credits. The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) includes both a required core of courses and electives in health and human sciences to provide a **foundation for leadership and management** within health and human service fields.

**BGS – HHS Core Requirements (50 credit hours)**

***NIU course work for Core Requirements (33 credits)***

*(Note: NIU HHS-BGS courses are offered online or in a blended online format)*

- \*AHRS 200, Disability in Society (3)
- IDSP 465, Issues in Gerontology (3)
- IHHS 350, Critical Thinking for HHS Professions (3)
- IHHS 450, Administration for Professionals in HHS (3)
- \*PHHE 295, Ecology of Health or PHHE 206 Contemporary Health Concepts (3)
- UHHS 310 Introduction to HHS (3)
- UHHS 410, Legal & Ethical Issues (3)
- UHHS 430, Working with Diverse Populations in HHS (3)
- UHHS 455, Resource Allocation in HHS (3)
- UHHS 460, Introduction to Research in HHS (3)
- UNIV 310, Foundations in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness (3) or TECH 432, Disaster Preparedness (3)

***ECC course work for Core Requirements (9 credits)***

- \*FCNS 280, Human Development, the Family, and Society (3) – ECC Equivalent: PSYC 218, Human Growth & Development
- \*PSYC 102, Introduction to Psychology (3) – ECC Equivalent: PSYC 100, Introduction to Psychology
- \*STAT 208, Basic Statistics (3) – ECC Equivalent: MTH 102 or MTH 120 – Statistics I

***BGS electives – NIU or ECC (8 credits)***

Students must consult with the BGS advisor to insure upper division course work requirement for the university is met through the BGS elective courses. Any NIU course work in AHCD, AHLS, AHPT, AHRS, COMD, FCNS, NURS or PHHE will also meet BGS electives. Others can be considered in consultation with the BGS advisor if applicable to personal goals.

**ECC course**

BIO 101 NUTRITION FOR TODAY  
ECE 174 CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT  
PSY 212 CHILD PSYCHOLOGY  
HUS or SUB 215 BASIC SUBSTANCE ABUSE & TREATMENT

**NIU Equivalent**

FCNS 201; GE SCI MATH  
FCNS 230  
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PHHE 201; GE IDP

**Proficiency Credits (up to 30 credits)**

One of the unique features of program is the awarding of NIU proficiency credit for courses taken in the professional field. The number of proficiency hours to be awarded is determined on an individual basis by the College Curriculum Committee at the time of admission to the program and based on the professional credential of the applicant.

Based on previous committee reviews, ECC graduates with an applied science degrees in the following fields and who hold a current license, will be awarded the maximum 30 proficiency credits in UHHS 300: Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Histotechnology, Physical Therapy Assistant Assisting, and Radiography.

Based on previous committee reviews, ECC graduates with an applied science degree in the fields listed below and who hold a current license will be awarded proficiency credit as noted below:

Human Services: Substance Abuse Counseling UHHS 300 – 14 credits  
Human Services with Alcohol & Drug Counselor Certificate  
from Illinois Alcohol & other Drug Abuse Professional Certificate Associate, Inc. UHHS 300 – 20 credits

All other appropriate certifications with the appropriate applied science degree in an HHS field will be considered on an individual basis at the time of admission to the program.

### **University Graduation and General Education Requirements**

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Most often students have some or all GE requirements earned at the time of admission to NIU. Students work with the BGS advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.)

GE deficiencies can be met through community college transfer work and be completed while concurrently enrolled in the B.G.S. program. *(Note: completion of an Associate of Science (AS) or an Associate of Arts (AA) in addition to the AAS degree, will meet NIU GE requirements per university articulation agreements.)*

### **Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program**

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student
- Current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and completed applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits.
- Submit B.G.S. in HHS application, including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

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