Family and Child Studies Major
Limited Admission Guidelines

The School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences limits the total number of students admitted to the Family and Child Studies major depending on resources available. There are three different emphases within the Family and Child Studies major. Students admitted to the university as freshman or transfer wishing to major in family and child studies will be classified as pre-FCNS majors in the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences until they meet the requirements below and are admitted to the program.

The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.20 or higher on a 4.00 scale to be eligible to apply and a GPA well above 2.20 may be required for admission. Admission to each emphasis in family and child studies is competitive and will be based primarily on the completion of the prerequisite courses and on the student’s overall GPA in course work taken at NIU and/or transferred from other institutions.

Transfer and reentering students’ cumulative GPA from all schools attended as calculated by the Office of Registration and Records is used as printed on the students’ evaluation of credit. The School of FCNS will use the GPA from the most recent evaluation of credit on file until 15 semester hours are earned at NIU, with at least 12 of those hours being that applies to either their major, minor, or general education requirements. To be considered for admission, students must have their application to both the University and School of FCNS (Wirtz Hall 118) complete by the deadline they are applying to. Students may make formal application for consideration for admission to the major in family and child studies after they have satisfied the requirements below.

All applicants must have the following PREREQUISITE courses completed with a grade of C or better before applying to their intended emphasis...

For ALL emphases
- ENGL 104
- OR ENGL 105
- OR pass the English Core Competency II Examination
- PSYC 102
- STAT 208
- OR MATH 110
- OR having met the mathematics core competency requirement (AS/AA with compact benefits, MATH 101, 155, 201, 210, 211, 229, etc. – see catalog)

Additional prerequisite, if applying to Emphasis 1 – Family and Individual Development
- SOCI 170
- OR FCNS 230
- OR FCNS 280
- OR EPS 304
- OR PSYC 324
- OR PSYC 225

Additional prerequisite if applying to Emphasis 2 – Family Social Services
- SOCI 170
- OR FCNS 280
- OR PSYC 225

Additional prerequisite if applying to Emphasis 3 – Child Development
- FCNS 230
- OR FCNS 280
- OR EPS 304
- OR PSYC 324

PREREQUISITE courses will be complete by the end of the... To apply to one of the FCS emphases by: To be admitted for the:

| Fall, ______________ semester | March 1, ___________ | Fall, __________ semester |
| Spring/Summer, _____________ semester | September 15, ___________ | Spring, __________ semester |

*Applications are available online at the FCNS website [http://www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns/](http://www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns/) approximately one month prior to each deadline and can be turned in at the Wirtz Hall 118 FCNS office.