

MAJOR IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, NURSING CONCENTRATION

The Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) Nursing Concentration provides a unique opportunity for qualified students to earn both a Bachelor of Science (BS) in HDFS from Colorado State University Fort Collins and a Master of Science in Nursing from Colorado State University Pueblo School of Nursing delivered on the Fort Collins campus. This competitive, restricted-entry dual degree program is available only to HDFS students who are accepted into the 3+2 Dual Degree Direct Entry Nursing Program (<https://www.csupueblo.edu/school-of-nursing/three-plus-two/>). Students interested in this pathway begin in the HDFS Pre-Nursing Concentration (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/human-development-family-studies-major-pre-nursing-concentration/>) and apply to the 3+2 Dual Degree Nursing Program during the fall semester of their second year (third semester). Eligibility to apply requires completion of the specified prerequisite coursework. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor to ensure they meet all application and program requirements. Students admitted to the program transition from the HDFS Pre-Nursing Concentration to the HDFS Nursing Concentration.

The program is structured so that the first five semesters focus on completing nursing prerequisites and the coursework necessary for the undergraduate degree in Human Development and Family Studies. This concentration equips nursing students with specialized knowledge in lifespan human development and family sciences, providing a strong foundation for delivering developmentally appropriate care to individuals of all ages across a range of conditions. Beginning in the sixth semester, students take nursing coursework that fulfills the requirements for both the BS in HDFS and the MS in Nursing. The BS degree is conferred only after the MS in Nursing requirements are completed, with students graduating with both degrees at the end of the tenth semester.

Colorado State University Fort Collins, in collaboration with Colorado State University Pueblo, offers the 3+2 Dual Degree Direct Entry Nursing Program on the Fort Collins campus. Students concurrently complete their undergraduate degree in HDFS and the CSU Pueblo Master of Science in Nursing degree. All nursing coursework is delivered in person on the Fort Collins campus, and includes local clinical practicum experiences. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) (<https://www.nclex.com/>).

Students are eligible to apply to the 3+2 Dual Degree Direct Entry Nursing Program during the fall semester of their second year when they have met the following criteria:

1. Students must first enroll in the Pre-Nursing Concentration within one of three departments: Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSHN) (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/food-science-human-nutrition/nutrition-science-major-pre-nursing-concentration/>), Health and Exercise Science (HES) (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/health-exercise-science/health-exercise-science->

[major-pre-nursing-concentration/](https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/health-exercise-science/health-exercise-science-major-pre-nursing-concentration/)), or Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS).

2. Complete required Pre-Nursing Concentration coursework as outlined in the program of study, including the completion of specific 3+2 Dual Degree Direct Entry Nursing Program prerequisite coursework.
3. All prerequisites must be passed with a C or better (C- is not acceptable). Students receiving a grade less than C in a nursing prerequisite course are not eligible for admission.
4. Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA or better. Students with a GPA less than 3.0 are not eligible for admission.

If admitted, students will transition from the Major in HDFS, Pre-Nursing Concentration (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/human-development-family-studies-major-pre-nursing-concentration/>) to the Major in HDFS, Nursing Concentration

Failure to meet these requirements will result in the loss of admission to the 3+2 Dual Degree Direct Entry Nursing Program. In this case, students can either retake or complete the necessary prerequisites and join the next 3+2 Dual Degree Direct Entry Nursing Program cohort (typically delaying entry by one year) or return to the Pre-Nursing Concentration to complete their BS degree and apply to accelerated BSN programs.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate content knowledge and understanding of theory, research, and practice relevant to optimizing the development, health and well-being of individuals and families across the lifespan in the context of the larger social environment.
2. Access, critically evaluate, and apply multiple forms of information related to individuals and families.
3. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills appropriate to the field of human development and family studies.
4. Demonstrate professional and leadership skills with individuals and families, including ethical and culturally sensitive standards of conduct.