

MAJOR IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, PRE-NURSING CONCENTRATION

Many students pursuing a degree in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) plan to apply to nursing school, and this concentration is designed to prepare them for post-baccalaureate nursing programs, including accelerated Bachelor of Nursing programs. The coursework within this concentration covers common nursing school prerequisites (<https://hp.colostate.edu/nurse/>) and is tailored to equip students with skills relevant to working with individuals of all ages, and their families, who experience a range of physical and mental conditions and disabilities. Students in this concentration are strongly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor and the Health Professions Advising Team (<https://hp.colostate.edu/>) to ensure they meet the specific prerequisites for their targeted nursing schools.

This concentration also serves as a pathway to CSU's 3+2 Dual Degree Direct Entry Nursing Program, offered in partnership with Colorado State University Pueblo School of Nursing on the Fort Collins campus. Students interested in the 3+2 Dual Degree Nursing Program must begin in the Pre-Nursing Concentration and apply to the 3+2 Dual Degree Nursing Program during the fall semester of their second year (third semester). Specific prerequisites are required for eligibility to apply. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor to ensure they meet the requirements to apply to the 3+2 Dual Degree Nursing Program. If admitted, students will transition from this concentration to the Major in HDFS, Nursing Concentration (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/human-development-family-studies-major-nursing-concentration/>). Students who are not admitted will remain in the Pre-Nursing Concentration to complete the nursing prerequisite coursework and earn their Bachelor of Science degree in HDFS (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/human-development-family-studies/human-development-family-studies-major/>), after which they can apply to accelerated Bachelor of Nursing 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.