

| Fall 1 | Credits | Success Marker |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| ENGL 103* | 3 | *C or better |
| COMS 100 | 3 | |
| GE: Creativity & Critical Analysis | 3 | |
| Quantitative Literacy (Math _____)* | 3 | *C or better |
| SOCI 170* | 3 | *C or better |
| UNIV 101 | 1 | |
| Total hours | 16 | |
| Notes/Comments: | | |

| Spring 1 | Credits | Success Marker |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| ENGL 203* | 3 | *C or better |
| STAT 208* | 3 | *C or better |
| GE: Nature & Technology | 3 | |
| PSYC 102* | 3 | *C or better |
| Elective | 3 | |
| Total hours | 15 | |
| Notes/Comments: | | |

| Fall 2 | Credits | Success Marker |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Elective | 3 | |
| HDFS 230* | 3 | * C or better |
| BIOS 103 or 109 | 3 | |
| GE: Creativity & Critical Analysis | 3 | |
| HDFS 231 | 3 | |
| Total hours | 15 | |
| Notes/Comments: Students must earn a C or better in ENGL 203 or 204, PSYC 102, HDFS 230 or EPS 307, HDFS 280, HDFS 284; and successfully complete the NIU math core competency requirement or have a C or better in STAT 208 or MATH 110, and a cumulative NIU GPA of 2.4 after completion of 45 credit hours. | | |

| Spring 2 | Credits | Success Marker |
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| HDFS 280* | 3 | *C or better |
| HDFS 284* | 3 | *C or better |
| Elective | 3 | |
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| ENGL 350, HSCI 350, MATH 155, 201, 210, 211, 229, PHIL 105, or PSYC 305 | 3 | |
| Total hours | 15 | |
| Notes/Comments: 1. | | |

| Summer 2 | Credits | Success Marker |
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| Total hours | 0 | • Work on volunteer hours |

| Fall 3 | Credits | Success Marker |
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| Elective | 3 | |
| HDFS 330* | 3 | *C or better |
| HDFS 332 | 3 | |
| Area of Study | 3 | Course chosen in consultation with Area of Study advisor |
| HDFS 432 | 3 | |
| Total hours | 15 | |
| Notes/Comments: 1. Attend required Child Development Meeting | | |

| Spring 3 | Credits | Success Marker |
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| HDFS 331* | 3 | *C or better |
| Area of Study | 3 | |
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| Elective: 300/400 Level or Area of Study | 3 | |
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| Total hours | 15 | |
| Notes/Comments: 1. Attend required Child Development Meeting | | |

| Summer 3 | Credits | Success Marker |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Total hours | 0 | • Work on volunteer hours |

| Fall 4 | Credits | Success Marker |
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| Elective 300/400 Level or Area of Study | 3 | Course chosen in consultation with Area of Study advisor |
| HDFS 482 | 3 | |
| HDFS 399 | 3 | |
| Elective: Major, Minor or Other | 3 | • Complete all 50 volunteer hours |
| Elective: Major, Minor or Other | 3 | |
| Total hours | 15 | |
| Notes/Comments: 1. Attend required Child Development Meeting 2. Apply for graduation (2/1 for May or 9/1 for December) | | |

| Spring 4 | Credits | Success Marker |
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| HDFS 490 | 12 | |
| Elective: Major, Minor or Other | 2-3 | |
| Total hours | 14-15 | |
| Notes/Comments: Students must have a cumulative NIU GPA of 2.4 and complete the mandatory requirements listed in the NIU Catalog to complete the practicum. | | |

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.