

## **Academic Program Approval**

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**Action:** Rename and revise concentration in Family & Community Services/IFS

**Effective term:** 05F

**Current degree:** B.S.

**Proposed change leads to the degree of:** no change

**Proposed name:** Clinical Services Concentration

**Revising :** Human Services Concentration

### **List program changes for curriculum revisions:**

Change 3 credit CNST requirement to 3 credit ECON requirement (ECON 100 or ECON 151)

Change 3 credit IFST 365: Seminar requirement, to IFST 475: Topics in Individual & Family Studies (3 credit)

### **List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum:**

No new courses required.

### **Other affected units:**

Economics department consulted: agree to inclusion of ECON 100 and ECON 151 in concentration (see Appendix)

### **Rationale:**

Students pursuing the Family and Community Services major increasingly make the distinction between wanting to provide "direct clinical services" and counseling to individuals and families, versus wanting to develop and administer programs to help individuals and families. The name change from "Human Services Concentration" to "Clinical Services Concentration" better communicates the direct service component of human services, and the focus of this concentration, which typically involves students pursuing interests in services such as counseling, family support, and case management. It is also more consistent with courses in the concentration, e.g. courses focus on the direct provision of services such as counseling theories and an internship providing services. This name change is also consistent with 2 other name and curriculum changes that have been submitted under separate proposals, i.e. a) renaming the major to Human Services, rather than the current name, Family and Community Services, and b) renaming the second concentration in the major Administration and Family Policy. The Concentration name change requested in this proposal, i.e. Clinical Services, will more clearly distinguish this concentration from the other concentration in the major, and will

then also be distinct from the new name of the major, i.e. Human Services, if that name change is approved. Lastly, students are required to choose a concentration.

The first curriculum revision to this concentration involves substituting a 400 level "topics" course for a 300 level "seminar" so that the specific topics could be identified, scheduled on a regular basis, and open to master's and undergraduate students. The second curriculum revision involves including an Economics course to broaden students' understanding of the economic environment affecting individuals and families and the provision of human services, in place of the current CNST requirement. Also, the CNST courses that currently fulfill the CNST requirement will no longer be available given the change in focus of the Department of Consumer Studies. The third revision involves having the correct course number listed for General Psychology for non-majors.

**Program Requirements:**

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the present curriculum.)

<p>DEGREE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE          MAJOR: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES          CONCENTRATION: HUMAN SERVICES</p>	<p>DEGREE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE          MAJOR: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES          CONCENTRATION: <b>CLINICAL SERVICES</b></p>
<p>The Human Services Concentration is designed for students wishing to work within public and private agencies serving clients, infants through the aged, and their families. Combining course work and clinical experiences, the program of study prepares graduates for positions in direct client services, management and administration, and public policy. Students are also prepared to pursue graduate degrees in careers addressing the needs of individuals and their families, such as community counseling, social work, public administration, program evaluation, and social policy.</p>	<p>The Clinical Services Concentration is designed for students wishing to work within public and private agencies serving clients, infants through the aged, and their families. Combining course work and clinical experiences, the program of study prepares graduates for positions in direct client services. Students are also prepared to pursue graduate degrees in careers addressing the needs of individuals and their families, such areas as community and school counseling, family therapy, and social work. It is a requirement of the major that students must choose a concentration.</p>
<p>PSYC 201 General Psychology . . . . . 3</p>	<p>PSYC 100 General Psychology . . . 3</p>
<p>CNST Course . . . . . 3          (May be chosen from: CNST 100, 101, 110, 200)</p>	<p>ECON 100 or ECON 151 . . . . . 3</p>
<p>IFST 365 Seminar . . . . . 3</p>	<p>IFST 475 Topics in Individual &amp; Family Studies . . . . . 3</p>