

FAMILY and CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION

The family and consumer sciences education (FCSE) program at North Dakota State University has been approved by the State Board for Career and Technical Education for the preparation of family and consumer sciences teachers. The FCSE program is a versatile major due to the preparation of the student as both an educator and a family and consumer scientist.

The Program

As an educator, the FCSE graduate is prepared to guide a variety of teaching-learning situations. Since education is a people-centered profession, the program focuses on characteristics of various learners or clients, learning principles and different applications of the teaching-learning process. A wide range of strategies for working with individuals or groups is included. Hands-on experience is provided throughout the program to develop the teaching skills learned in classes.

As a family and consumer sciences educator, the FCSE student is prepared with a comprehensive subject matter background. Courses from all areas of family and consumer sciences are included in the program. This contributes to the versatility of the major since the broad range of knowledge may be applied to a wide variety of settings.

A graduate of the FCSE program is qualified to teach family and consumer sciences classes in occupational or non-occupational programs, adult programs, or to serve as an extension educator.

The FCSE program meets the standards set by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Thus, graduates are readily employable throughout the United States.

Professional Education Courses

Students may enroll in the 300-level professional education courses before being formally admitted to the School of Education (SOE). Prior to enrolling in the 400-level courses, students must complete the application for admission to the SOE; attain a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average overall in their course work and education courses; and pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam(s). Requirements for admission can be found at www.ndsu.edu/education.

Student Teaching

Student teaching is the culmination of the teaching program. Students have the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills acquired in college courses under the supervision of an experienced family and consumer sciences educator.

Career Opportunities

Since the FCSE education major has preparation across all areas of family and consumer sciences, a wide variety of career opportunities in the field is possible. Graduates pursuing a career in teaching become employed in both traditional and nontraditional teaching situations. Settings include teaching in middle, junior and senior high schools and secondary vocational centers. Other career options include employment as consultants in teaching family and consumer sciences at the elementary school level or serving as family and consumer sciences teachers for special education students. Teachers of adult programs work with various agencies and local school districts offering adult enrichment, continuing education, evening and summer classes, and programs for special groups such as parents, senior citizens and migrant workers. Graduates also are employed by the Cooperative Extension Service, utility companies, health and human service agencies and retail establishments.

In addition, graduates are employed in business, industry, government service and public agencies. The capacity in which our graduates serve in these fields varies. Some are employed as family and consumer scientists to contribute specific knowledge, while others are employed to provide educational services and information dissemination to consumers about products, services or facilities of different companies and agencies.

Career opportunities may be enhanced through careful selection of elective courses. Another major or minor offered through the College of Human Sciences and Education or a major from another teaching field is encouraged.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Information about various loans, grants, general scholarships and employment is available through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships or One Stop. Scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 are offered to outstanding freshmen with financial need through the College of Human Sciences and Education. Additional academic scholarships also are available each year for returning students.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CIS 114 Microcomputer Packages	3	COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 110 College Composition I	4	ENGL 120 College Composition II	3
HDFS 186 Consumer and Society	3	HDFS 341 Parent-Child Relations	3
HDFS 230 Life Span Development	3	MATH 104 Finite Mathematics	3
PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3	SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology	3
	16		15
Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ADHM 155 Apparel Construction and Fit or 101 Beginning Apparel Construction	3	ADHM 410 Dress in World Cultures	3
CHEM 117 Chemical Concepts and Applications	3	H&CE 469 Housing Education and Issues	3
CHEM 117L Chemical Concepts and Applications Lab	1	HDFS 275 Diversity & Multiculturalism in Individual/Family Life	3
EDUC 321 Introduction to Teaching	3	HNES 200 Principles of Nutrition	3
H&CE 232 Philosophy and Policy	3	HNES 217 Personal and Community Health <i>Apply to the School of Education</i>	3
HDFS 250 Intro to Research Methods in Human Dev & Family Sci <i>Complete Core Academic Skills Exam</i>	3		
	16		15
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ADHM 366 Textiles	3	ADHM 316 History of Interiors II	3
EDUC 322 Educational Psychology	3	EDUC 451 Instructional Planning, Methods and Assessment	3
ENGL 358 Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	3	H&CE 468 Methods of Teaching Family and Consumer Sciences I: Techniques	3
H&CE 467 Advising Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America	3	HDFS 357 Personal and Family Finance	3
HDFS 341 Parent-Child Relations	3	HNES 261 Food Selection and Preparation Principles	3
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Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 486 Classroom Management for Diverse Learners	3	H&CE 483 Student Teaching Seminar	1
EDUC 489 Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds	3	H&CE 487 Student Teaching	9
H&CE 482 Methods of Teaching Family and Consumer Sciences II: Professional Practices	3	H&CE 488 Applied Student Teaching	3
HDFS 462 Methods of Family Life Education	3		
Gen Ed Science & Technology/Gen Ed Global Perspectives <i>Apply for Student Teaching</i> <i>Complete PLT (grades 7-12) Exam</i> <i>Complete Subject Area Assessment Exam</i>	3		
	15		13
Total Credits: 122			

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at: www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies

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