College of Human Ecology

Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Overview
Want to dedicate your career to helping young people lead better lives? Family and consumer sciences educators teach teens and adults the skills they need to be healthy individuals and build strong families.

This licensure program is for students who plan to teach family and consumer sciences at the middle school, senior high or postsecondary levels. Family and consumer sciences education directly addresses the needs of individuals and families related to nurturing relationships, parenting education, healthy lifestyles and resource management.

Programs focus on parenting education, consumer practices, healthy lifestyle choices, nutrition and food decisions, food science, human relations skills, personal development, textiles and apparel choices, balancing family and work, and general employability skills. These programs emphasize management and problem-solving skills needed to be a responsible and productive individual, family member and employee.

Careers
Career Pathways addressed in family and consumer sciences education include consumer services, early childhood development, family and community services, restaurant and hospitality services, travel and tourism, and teaching/training.

Academics
Kansas State University’s family and consumer sciences education licensure program includes general education courses, content courses and courses in teaching methods, curriculum development and educational psychology. Admission to the teacher education program in the College of Education is required.

Students completing the program meet requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in human ecology and the Kansas teaching licensure requirements in family and consumer sciences education.

The program is accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education, the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Professional development experiences
Students will be placed in middle or high schools for field experiences beginning their sophomore year and will spend significant time in public schools prior to and including their semester of student teaching.

Student teaching
Students are assigned 16 weeks of student teaching during which they apply professional knowledge and refine their instructional skills. During this experience they spend eight weeks in a senior high school and eight weeks in a middle school working closely with master classroom teachers and university professors.

Facilities
Current technology is applied to classroom activities and projects. Computer technology is incorporated into human ecology and teacher education classes. Computer laboratories are available for student use throughout the university, and most campus buildings provide wireless network access.

Preparation
Students who meet the Kansas qualified admission requirements are prepared to enter the family and consumer sciences education licensure program at K-State. Two years of high school algebra and science are recommended.

Financial assistance
Scholarships are available through the College of Human Ecology and the university. Apply online at k-state.edu/admissions/finaid/scholarships.

Activities
An essential element in the college experience is leadership development. Students in family and consumer sciences education are involved in leadership roles throughout the university, in the College of Human Ecology and in the College of Education.

Clubs
Family and consumer sciences education students are encouraged to participate in the Family and Consumer Sciences Interest Group, the Student National Education Association and the student unit of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Qualified students are encouraged to participate in Kappa Delta Pi and Kappa Omicron Nu honor societies and the University Honors Program.

Points of pride
Within the next six years, Kansas will need about 1,000 family and consumer sciences teachers. Nationally, the supply and demand ratio is three job openings for every graduate.
Required coursework

**General requirements (41-42 hours)**

**Communications (8-9 credit hours)**
(Grades of C or higher required.)
2–3 COMM 105 Public Speaking IA or I
or
COMM 106
3 ENGL 100 Expository Writing I
3 ENGL 200 Expository Writing II

**Social sciences (9 credit hours)**
3 ANTH 200 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
3 ECON 110 Principles of Macroeconomics
3 PSYCH 110 General Psychology

**Humanities (9 credit hours)**
3 ART 180 2-Dimensional Design
3 Literature (any literature course except ENGL 355 or 345)
3 History

**Natural and physical sciences (8 credit hours)**
4 BIOL 198 Principles of Biology
3 CHM 110 General Chemistry Laboratory
1 CHM 111 General Chemistry Laboratory

**Quantitative studies (6 credit hours)**
3 MATH 100 College Algebra Credits
3 STAT 325 Introduction to Statistics

**Integrative Human Ecology course (1 credit hour)**
1 GNHE 210 Foundations of Human Ecology

**Professional Studies (91 hours)**

**Human ecology required courses (43 credit hours)**
Teaching field courses: A 2.75 cumulative GPA is required for admission to teacher education and before the Block III Professional Seminar.
3 AT 265 Textiles
3 AT 330 Dress and Human Behavior
3 PFP 105 Introduction to Financial Planning
3 FSHS 302 Introduction to Human Sexuality
3 ECED 310 Early Childhood
1 ECED 313 Pre-Professional Experiences in Early Childhood Unified
3 FSHS 350 Family Relationships and Gender Roles
3 FSHS 670 Working with Parents
3 GNHE 310 Human Needs
2 GNHE 410 Seminar in Human Ecology
3 FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition
3 FNDH 352 Personal Wellness
4 HN 413 Science of Food
3 ID 210 Design and Behavior in the Interior Environment

One of the following courses:
3 PFP 310 Family and Consumer Economics
or
FSHS 506 Middle Childhood and Adolescence
or
FSHS 550 The Family

**Professional education courses (48 hours)**
An average 3.0 GPA is required on all K-State and transfer credits applied with no grade lower than a C prior to Block III Professional Semester.
0 *DED 075 Orientation to Teacher Education at K-State
1 *EDSEC 200 Teaching as a Career
1 *EDSEC 230 Early Field Experience
3 *EDSEC 310 Foundations of Education
3 *FSHS 110 Introduction to Human Development

**Block I**
3 EDCEP 315 Educational Psychology
3 EDSEC 376 Core Teaching Skills: Secondary/Middle
2 EDSP 323 Exceptional Students in the Secondary School

**Block II**
1 EDCEP 525 Interpersonal Relations in the Schools
1 EDSEC 455 Teaching in a Multicultural Society
2 EDSEC 477 Content Area Literacies and Diverse Learners
3 EDSEC 534 Family and Consumer Science Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
2 EDSEC 535 Family and Consumer Science Methods Practicum

**Block III**
12 EDSEC 586 Teaching Participation in Secondary Schools
3 EDSEC 621 Program Planning in Career and Technical Education

**Non-blocked courses**
1 DED 318 Educational Technology for Teaching and Learning
2 EDSEC 405 Middle-Level Education
2 EDSEC 510 Career Pathways in Family and Consumer Sciences Education
3 EDSEC 620 Principles and Philosophy of Career and Technical Education

*These are the only professional education courses which can be taken prior to admission to teacher education.
T12-133 Total credit hours required for graduation.

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