

Coursework

If someone does not have a family and consumer sciences degree or related degrees, 18 hours of related coursework is considered. Some of the course work considered are:

Aging and Gerontology
Child Development
Consumer Behavior
Evidence-Based Practice
Family and Community Services
Family Law and Policy
Family Resource Management
Food Science
Health & Wellness
Human Behavior
Human Growth & Learning
Human Development
Individuals and Families
Interior Design
Marriage & Family Relations
Nutrition
Parenting
Personal Finance
Physical Activity Courses include weight training, yoga, etc. (Up to 3 hours are approved)
Textiles and Clothing
Youth Development

FCS Praxis

If an individual has not obtained a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), their eligibility to take the FCS Praxis exam is an alternative qualification criterion for an FCS Agent position. Passing the FCS Praxis exam demonstrates the candidate possesses relevant family and consumer sciences content knowledge needed to perform the FCS agent position.

GPA Requirements

Applicants must have either a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 out of 4.0-point scale, a minimum of a 3.0 during their senior year of undergraduate study or must have earned a master's degree.

Family & Consumer Sciences Approaches

Specialized Focus: Family and consumer sciences degrees are designed to provide a specialized and in-depth understanding of topics related to family dynamics, human development, consumer behavior, and relationships.

Holistic Approach: Family and consumer sciences programs often take a comprehensive approach, considering not only economic aspects but also the social, psychological, and emotional factors that influence individuals and families.

Human-Centered Expertise: Family and consumer sciences degrees provide students with expertise in understanding and collaborating with people in various life stages, helping individuals and families make informed decisions about nutrition, health, parenting, finance, and other aspects of daily life. This human-centered knowledge is critical in professions like family counseling, nutrition, child development, and social work.