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**MINNESOTA STATE
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MANKATO

FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE: CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES *College of Allied Health & Nursing*

WHAT DEGREE AND PROGRAM DO WE OFFER?

Degrees offered are Family Consumer Science BS with options in Dietetics; Child Development and Family Studies; Foods and Nutrition; and Family Consumer Science Education BS Teaching.

A Minor in Family Consumer Science is available with options in Consumer Studies; Foods and Nutrition; and Child Development and Family Studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM

Our program emphasizes understanding of human development and family related issues while preparing graduates to work with children, adults, and families in a variety of human service, educational, and leadership settings. Possible careers: Child Life Specialist (hospital setting), childcare teacher (non-license), non-profit program coordinator, social service agent, family advocate, youth and family life minister, human services, program development, family life educator, day care, consultant. With graduate school: licensed family or mental health therapist, school psychologist/counselor, extension agent, or human services specialist.

Academic

Most of our graduates qualify for graduate school if they have the required grade point and necessary background courses.

EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Accreditations

Child Development & Family Studies is accredited by the National Council on Family Relations.

Faculty

Dr. David Bissonnette, Foods and Nutrition
Dr. Joye Bond, Dietetics
Dr. Jill Conlon, Chair, FCS Education
Dr. Heather Von Bank, Child Development and Family Studies
Dr. Dan Moen, Child Development and Family Studies
Dr. Jae Min Lee, Consumer Studies
Dr. Maureen Timlin, Dietetics

STUDENT EXPERIENCE/ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Specialized equipment and facilities

- Food Science laboratory with equipment for experimental foods, testing, and sensory testing.
- New Foods laboratory with equipment for food preparation and testing.
- New Textiles laboratory with specialized clothing construction equipment.
- New FCS Education laboratory with curriculum development, teaching technology, and teaching materials available for student use.
- Nutrition Assessment laboratory with equipment for nutrition education, body composition and energy need testing.

Clubs

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences at Minnesota State University, Mankato (AAFCS-MSU).
- Child Development & Family Studies Club (CDFCS)
- Phi Upsilon Omicron (honorary)

Internships

Majors may require an internship, clinicals, or student teaching field experience. Internship opportunities include: human services, childcare programs, business and industry, non-profit, dietetic programs, public schools 5-12, FCS programs, and non-profit organizations.

Scholarships

Each spring, scholarships are awarded to declared majors who have completed at least one semester at Minnesota State Mankato and have been involved in the department and excelled academically.

STUDENT/FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

Students have the opportunity to work with faculty on research projects, community service projects, and planning department events.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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To arrange for a visit, please call:

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Tollfree: 800-722-0544

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDY, BS)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
FCS 100 Personal and Family Living (3) ENG 101 Composition (4) General Education, Goal Area 4 (3-4) General Education, Goal Area 5 (3-4) General Education, Goal Area 7 (3-4)	FCS 101 Introduction to Family Consumer Science (3) General Education, Goal Area 1B (3) General Education, Goal Area 3 (3) General Education, Goal Area 10 (3) General Education, Goal Area 11 (1)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
FCS 275 Consumer in the Economy (3) General Education, Goal Area 3, Lab (4) General Education, Goal Area 6 (3) General Education, Goal Area 9 (3) General Education, Goal Area 11 (1)	FCS 303 Working with Families (3) FCS 120 Clothing & People (2) OR FCS 140 Introduction to Nutrition (3) OR FCS 150 Food, Culture, & You (3) General Education, Goal Area 6 (3) General Education, Goal Area 8 (3) Minor Course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
FCS 301 Lifespan Development (3) FCS 400 Culturally Diverse Family Systems (3) FCS XXX Major Restricted Elective (3) FCS XXX Major Restricted Elective (3) Minor Course (3)	FCS 401 Family Life Development (3) HLTH 311 Family Life & Sex Education (3) FCS 414W Family Politics & Ethics (3) FCS 4XX Major Restricted Electives (3) FCS 4XX Major Restricted Electives (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
FCS 482 Teaching Family Life/Parenting Education (3) FCS 488 Parenting Education (3) FCS 4XX Major Restricted Electives (3) Minor Course (3) Minor Course (3)	FCS 496 Selected topics: Child Life OR Research Methods (3) FCS 4XX Major Restricted Electives (3) FCS 4XX Major Restricted Electives (3) Minor Course (3)

For additional information about course requirements, please visit <http://www.mnsu.edu/supersite/academics/bulletins/>

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