

**HARDING**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**Family and Consumer Sciences**  
**Education**  
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences  
College of Sciences



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**Degree:** B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education

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**Description of Major**

The Family and Consumer Sciences Education program prepares students to teach in middle and secondary schools or adult and vocational-technical programs; graduates are also prepared for careers in Cooperative Extension, business, government, and the non-profit sector. Observation experiences and student teaching are required. The program meets the requirements for teacher licensure as set forth by the Arkansas State Department of Education and qualifies graduates to teach in secondary schools under the requirements of the Federal Vocational Acts.

**Accreditation**

The teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teachers Education (NCATE) and approved by the Arkansas Department of Education.

**Outside the Classroom**

Students are encouraged to join the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Arkansas Affiliate. This student organization sponsors trips to state and national conferences where students can interact with professionals in the field. High-achieving students may be selected for membership in Kappa Omicron Nu, an honorary society that recognizes scholarship in the field of family and consumer sciences. Harding's chapter of KON is Nu Delta. The professional associations and honor societies provide excellent opportunities for students to develop leadership skills.

**Bachelor of Sciences Degree  
Family and Consumer Sciences Education Major (FCSE)**

<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>Liberal Arts:</b>	<b>35</b>
Student must take MATH 151 or 171; BIOL 113; POLS 205; ART 101; PHS 111, 112, 113, or 115 (not 116); FCS 323 in place of PSY 201/EDFD 203. These are counted below in the hours required for the major.	
<b>FCS Program Foundations:</b>	<b>6</b>
FCS 100, 205, 400	
<b>Family and Consumer Sciences Core:</b>	<b>62</b>
FCS 101, 102, 203, 240, 251, 311 or 413, 322, 323, 331,340, 391, 401, 405, 406, 430; ART 101; CHEM 114; MATH 151 or 171; BIOL 111 or 113; PHS 111, 112, 113 or 115; POLS 205	
<b>Licensure:</b>	<b>29</b>
EDFD 200, 202, 311; SEED 314, 417, 424, 451, 480; SPED 418; HED 203. Consult the College of Education catalog section for additional licensure information.	
<b>Remaining Bible:</b>	<b>6</b>
Bible is not required during the supervised teaching semester.	
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>138</b>

**Employment Opportunities**

Family and consumer sciences educators may work with youth or adults and have many different job titles. Currently, the nation is experiencing a severe shortage of family and consumer sciences teachers so employment opportunities are readily available.

**Examples of job titles include:**

- Consumer Affairs Director
- Consumer Affairs Manager
- Cooperative Extension FCS or 4-H Agent
- Educational Consultant
- Family Liaison
- Housing Counselor
- Middle, junior or senior high school teacher
- Parent Educator/Coordinator
- Residential Manager
- Transition Coordinator
- Work-Life Manager

**JUST TO NAME A FEW!**

**Representative Employers:** Public and Private Schools, Businesses and Corporations, Nonprofit Organizations, Cooperative Extension Agencies, Local, State, or Federal Agencies, Youth Organizations, Consumer Affairs Organizations, Public Policy Organizations.