

Credential Fact Sheet – Credentials That Authorize Teaching in Three FCS Industry Sectors



EDUCATORS

Making a Difference in the Lives of Individuals, Families, & Communities



Education, Child Development, and Family Services



Fashion and Interior Design



Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation

For information about a career as a Family & Consumer Sciences Educator visit
<https://www.fcsed.net/home>

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and Family and Consumer Sciences Related Occupations (FCSRO) instructional programs are based on the eight content areas of the Family and Consumer Sciences Body of Knowledge (formerly titled Home Economics):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Development and Guidance• Consumer Education• Family and Human Development• Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food and Nutrition• Housing and Furnishings• Individual and Family Health• Leadership Development |
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FCS Career Technical Education programs span three industry sectors:

Education, Child Development, and Family Services

Fashion and Interior Design

Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation

Two Credentials Authorize the Teaching of FCS Industry Sector Courses, Grades K – 12

1. Single Subject Teaching Credential - Home Economics/FCS

Three ways to earn a Home Economics/FCS Single Subject Credential:

1) Hold a Family and Consumer Sciences Pre-Credential Single Subject Program B.A. or B.S. degree (available at CSU Sacramento).

AND either

Complete a fifth-year **Single Subject credential program** consisting of curriculum and instruction coursework and student teaching,

OR

Apply for an **Internship program** where you complete the curriculum and instruction coursework during a two-year paid internship (instead of student teaching; must find your own teaching position first and find an internship program provider).

2) Hold a non-pre-credential Family and Consumer Sciences B.A. or B.S. (available at CSU Northridge and CSU San Francisco), or a degree in an FCS related major such as Hospitality Management, Food and Nutrition, Child and Family, Apparel Design and Merchandising, etc.

AND

Pass the CSET* exam to confirm Home Economics/FCS subject competency to apply to a Single Subject Home Economics/FCS credential program. *(continued over)*

AND then either

Complete a **fifth-year credential program** consisting of curriculum and instruction coursework and student teaching,

OR

Apply for an **Internship program** where you complete the curriculum and instruction coursework during a two-year paid internship (instead of student teaching; must find your own teaching position first and find an internship program provider).

- 3)** Hold a Single Subject Credential in any subject area (History, English, etc.), pass the CSET to add Home Economics as a supplementary authorization, **and** complete a Home Economics (FCS) Methods course (Sacramento State offers this course online – usually in the summer).

2. Designated Subjects CTE Teaching Credential

Authorizes teaching in one or more of the three FCS industry sectors, depending on college coursework and industry experience. Credentials are titled as follows:

- Designated Subject CTE - Education, Child Development, and Family Services
- Designated Subject CTE - Fashion and Interior Design
- Designated Subject CTE - Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Qualification Option A: Complete 48 semester units of postsecondary education or vocational training related to the industry sector(s) named on the credential (courses or majors such as Nutrition, Child Development, Hospitality Management, Education, Family Services, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Culinology, or Apparel Design and Merchandising) **AND** Have one year (1000 hours) of work experience in the industry named on the credential.

OR

- Qualification Option B: Have a high school diploma and three years of related industry experience.

*Details and a list of approved Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) Program Sponsors for the Designated Subject CTE credential are available on the CTC website.

What Public Institutions Offer a Single Subject Home Economics/FCS Credential Program?

- CSU Sacramento is the only California institution that currently offers the Family & Consumer Sciences Pre-Credential Single Subject Program degree that enables holders to go directly into a Single Subject Credential program. <http://www.csus.edu/coe/academics/credentials/index.html>
- CSU Northridge has an FCS Education degree option and Single Subject Credential program in Home Economics/FCS; their grads take the CSET to apply for the credential program. <https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/credential-office/single-subject>
- CSU Bakersfield, CSU Chico, LA Co. Office of Education, Tulare Office of Education, and several private universities have CTC approved Single Subject Home Economics/FCS credential programs.

*Please find guidance for becoming a teacher, details for credentials, locations of Internship programs, instructions for the CSET (California Subject Examinations for Teachers), and information about private and county Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved credentialing institutions and programs on the Commission on Teacher Credentialing website:

[https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/Single-Multiple-Subject-Credentials-\(CL-560C\)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/Single-Multiple-Subject-Credentials-(CL-560C))

- The information in this fact sheet is subject to change.
- Beginning at a community college to complete general education requirements and prerequisites greatly reduces the cost of a university degree.
- Programs at public institutions such as California State Universities and county offices are less expensive than private institutions and provide more degree and credential options.