

# Family and Consumer Sciences Education (FCSE)

## Master of Science

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### Obtaining Admission:

### To Graduate School

Admission to the Graduate School must be obtained through the office of the Director of Graduate Admissions and the Dean of the Graduate School. Admission is restricted to applicants whose undergraduate records and scores on the Aptitude Test of the Graduate

Record Examination (GRE) indicate probable success in graduate work. The Dean of the Graduate School will not grant admission until all required materials have been received and the Graduate Faculty of Family and Consumer Sciences Education has recommended acceptance. To initiate admission procedures:

1. Send a completed "Graduate Application for Admission to Texas Tech University" to the Director of Graduate Admissions.
2. Request that official transcripts of all previous college-level study be sent to the Director of Graduate Admissions from the institution involved.
3. Request the Educational Testing Service to send the official report of GRE scores to the Director of the Graduate School.

### **To Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

Contact the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Program Director or Graduate Advisor to initiate program admission procedures.

1. Send duplicate copy of completed "Graduate Application for Admission to Texas Tech University" to Family and Consumer Sciences Education.
2. The FCSE Graduate Faculty recommend admission to the degree program after review of the applicant's credentials.

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### **Advisor**

1. The Family and Consumer Sciences Education Graduate Advisor will work with you as you begin your graduate studies and will continue to serve in that capacity until a thesis advisor is selected.
2. Thesis students. After a thesis advisor is selected, this individual replaces the Graduate Advisor in developing your degree plan.

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### **Academic File**

Following admission to the degree program, establish an academic file in the program office of Family and Consumer Sciences Education by supplying the following:

1. One copy of official transcripts of all previous college-level study.
2. Duplicate copy of "Graduate Application for Admission to Texas Tech University."
3. Graduate Student Data Sheet
4. Proposed Schedule of courses. This is for planning purposes only and does not replace the "Degree Plan" form required by the Graduate School.

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### **Basic Programs**

The two basic programs of study in Family and Consumer Sciences Education are

1. Thesis

- 15 hours in major area including FCSE 5301 or 5307, 5302, 5303, and 5304
- 9 hours in minor, major, or other area(s) of special interest (Note: Statistics strongly recommended)
- 2 credits Family and Consumer Sciences Education Seminar
- 6 hours credit for thesis (FCSE 6000)

(Note: Enrollment for more than 6 hours is usually necessary for completion of thesis, but only 6 hours credit are counted toward the Master's degree)

Total 32 hours

The thesis will be prepared and defended in accordance with requirements of the Graduate School.

2. Non Thesis

- 21 hours in major area including FCSE 5301 or 5307, 5302, 5303, and 5304
- 2 credits Family and Consumer Sciences Education Seminar
- 15 hours in minor, major and/or other area(s) of special interest

Total 38 hours

In addition to the 38 hours required for the Master's degree, non-thesis option students are required to enroll in a 1 to 3 credit independent study course during the semester in which they take the comprehensive examination. A comprehensive examination over all courses taken in Family and Consumer Sciences Education is administered to all non-thesis students.

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## Minors

The Master's degree student may select either a content area minor or a composite minor:

1. A content area minor consists of a minimum of 6 hours of course work in any subject matter area (courses in the Graduate Catalog which have the same letter prefix). These courses may be taken in a department in the College of Human Sciences or in another college at the University.
2. A composite minor consists of courses taken in a variety of content areas in the College of Human Sciences and/or other colleges at the University.

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## Degree Plan

Development of the Graduate Degree Plan (courses to be taken) is accomplished through the following:

1. Work with the graduate advisor in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and advisor(s) from the "minor" department(s) and to develop a list of courses to be taken for the Master's degree.
2. File the degree plan, "Program for the Master's Degree and Admission to Candidacy" as soon as possible after you have been admitted to Graduate School, and if

possible, during the first semester of course work. Delay in submission of a degree program may result in postponement of admission to candidacy and graduation.

3. Submit a copy of the approved "Program for the Master's Degree" for FCSE academic file.
  4. Retain and use a copy of the approved "Program for the Master's Degree" for all subsequent enrollments.
  5. Substitution of courses on the Degree Plan/Program can be made only on the written recommendation of the department or departments concerned and the approval of the Graduate Dean.
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### **Course Information**

1. FCSE 5311, "Problems in Family and Consumer Sciences Education" will be available every semester on an individual basis.
  2. A maximum of nine (9) credits may be selected from the following list: (Note: The two credits of required Family and Consumer Sciences Seminar and the Independent Study course for non-thesis option students are not counted in this nine credit maximum)
    - o FCSE 5001 Contemporary Issues in Family and Consumer Sciences Education
    - o FCSE 5118 Seminar
    - o FCSE 5310 Readings in Family and Consumer Sciences Education
    - o FCSE 5311 Problems in Family and Consumer Sciences Education
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### **Admission to Candidacy**

1. File a "Program for the Master's Degree and Admission to Candidacy" immediately following completion of 9 hours of graduate level courses listed in the degree program.
  2. Note that the minimum interval between submission of this form and graduation is four months.
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### **Thesis Committee (thesis program only)**

1. Select a chairperson of thesis committee. In consultation with the chairperson of committee, select additional members of thesis committee.
  2. Choose three graduate faculty members for the thesis committee. The committee chairperson represents the major area. It is recommended that one committee member be selected from the minor area.
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### **Thesis (thesis program only)**

1. Conduct an independent research study for the thesis under the supervision of the thesis committee.

2. Prepare the thesis in accordance with the format and instructions specified by the Graduate School in the latest edition of "Instructions for Preparing and Submitting Reports, Thesis, and Dissertations" published by the Graduate School, Texas Tech University. (This guide is available in the Texas Tech Bookstore.)
  3. Prepare a thesis abstract and submit for departmental academic file at the time of the final oral examination. (Instructions for preparing the abstract are available from the thesis committee chairperson.)
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## **Final Examination**

### **Thesis Program**

Make an oral presentation, discuss, and defend the thesis as a final oral examination. The student and the thesis committee set the time for the examination.

### **Non-thesis Program**

Take a comprehensive written final examination. Check with the graduate advisor regarding the time and place of the examination. This examination is taken during the term or semester of proposed graduation at the time specified by the major department.

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## **Graduation Procedures**

1. File "Statement of Intention to Graduate" with the Graduate School in the date set forth in the list of deadlines published by the Graduate School.
  2. Reserve cap, gown, and other necessary regalia. (This is done at the Texas Tech Bookstore.)
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## **Graduate Courses in Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

- **FCSE 5118** - Seminar  
Prerequisite: none  
May be repeated for credit
- **FCSE 5301** - Administration in Family and Consumer Sciences Education Professions  
Prerequisite: none  
Administration of family and consumer sciences programs with emphasis on leadership development in a variety of settings.
- **FCSE 5302** - Curriculum Development in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Philosophy and development of Family and Consumer Sciences programs for secondary schools, junior and senior colleges, and extension programs; survey of legislation, recent curriculum developments, and trends affecting family and consumer sciences programs.
- **FCSE 5303** - Evaluation in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Procedures for appraisal of individual growth and achievement in all subject areas in family and consumer sciences. Development of evaluative instruments for cognitive,

affective, and psychomotor learning and interpretation of data in the evaluation of various types of family and consumer sciences programs.

- **FCSE 5304** - Techniques of Research in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Methods and techniques of research in family and consumer sciences; interpretation of findings and application to selected situations and problems.
- **FCSE 5307** - Techniques of Supervision in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Philosophy, responsibilities, and techniques of supervision in family and consumer sciences and other learning environments.
- **FCSE 5308** - Communication Processes in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Techniques of interaction and interpersonal relations in family and consumer sciences education programs. A comprehensive exploration of current communicative processes emphasizing interpersonal relationships with special audiences, i.e., handicapped, disadvantaged, and multicultural.
- **FCSE 5309** - Occupational Family and Consumer Sciences Education I  
Prerequisite: none  
Designed for vocational family and consumer sciences teacher's seeking occupational certification. Emphasis on teaching methods in occupational family and consumer sciences, including cooperative and laboratory programs.
- **FCSE 5311** - Problems in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: none  
May be repeated for credit.
- **FCSE 5312** - Occupational Family and Consumer Sciences Education II  
Prerequisite: none  
Focus on tasks, skills, and equipment for teaching in family and consumer sciences occupational programs.
- **FCSE 5341** - History and Philosophy of Vocational Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Historical, philosophical, and legislative bases of family and consumer sciences education. Consideration of current and future roles of family and consumer sciences education in secondary, post-secondary, and higher education; extension education, and other areas.
- **FCSE 5342** - Contemporary Adult and Continuing Education in Family and Consumer Sciences  
Prerequisite: none  
A systematic approach to development and administration of adult and continuing education programs in Family and Consumer Sciences. Emphasis on multiculturalism, professional development, and career redirection.
- **FCSE 5343** - University Teaching in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Synthesis and analysis of innovative educational strategies, humanistic evaluation, and faculty role in program governance.
- **FCSE 5344** - Internship in Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
Prerequisite: 6 hours in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and approval of instructor.  
Supervised experiences in family and consumer sciences positions in extension, business, secondary schools, or related areas. May be repeated for credit.
- **FCSE 5346** - Methods in Cooperative Extension Education  
Prerequisite: none  
Theory and practice in developing and implementing educational programs for adults and youth in cooperative extension. Emphasis on teaching methods.

- **FCSE 6000** - Master's Thesis
- **FCSE 7000** - Research
- **FCSE 8000** - Doctor's Dissertation