Family & Consumer Sciences Education
Bachelor of Science (BS)

WHY BECOME A FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES TEACHER? It is the aim of FCS courses that all students increase their ability to act responsibly and productively, work cooperatively, apply concepts of balancing school/work and family, create solutions to critical and emergent issues, utilize technology effectively in personal and family settings and maintain healthy lifestyles. FCS education provides the bridge needed by all students to deal with life and career issues (*AAFCS Rationale).

Students completing the Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Sciences Education program at Southeast Missouri State University receive a K-12 certification, and are trained to teach a variety of different subject matters such as:
- Child Development
- Family and Personal Relationships
- Foods and Nutrition
- Clothing Construction and Fashion
- Interior Design

Becoming Career Ready...

Family & Consumer Science education majors have the opportunity to have three field experiences in secondary schools with mentor teachers before their last semester. These opportunities help students to become experienced, well-versed and confident educators.

During the last semester, the student teaching field experience lasts sixteen weeks at one school.

Family & Consumer Science education majors are encouraged to participate in regional FCCLA events from a leader’s perspective.

Students in the major learn from specialists in all of the areas of Family & Consumer Sciences education.

100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience. Family & Consumer Science education students experience this through multiple field experiences in local classrooms. In addition, there are student teaching opportunities abroad.

The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Practicum Experiences and Employment Opportunities

Family & Consumer Sciences Education students are placed in diverse situations to give them experience teaching the widest possible range of ages:
- Kindergarten
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
- Extension/Adult Education

Currently, demand for Family & Consumer Sciences teachers at the middle school and high school level is very high. The majority of our Family & Consumer Sciences Education majors receive offers of employment even before graduation!

Admission Requirements

- 42 credit hours completed
- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- One of the following: 1) Composite/Superscore of 20 or higher on the ACT exam; 2) Passing scores on all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA); or 3) A 4-year degree from an accredited college/university
- The following course requirements met:
  - A grade of C or above in CF/PY120 The Child (Elementary, Early, and Exceptional) or PY222 Development of the Adolescent (5-9, 9-12, and PK-12)
  - A grade of B or above in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession or ME222 Principles of Teaching Music

Additional Information

The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students matriculating into education programs must meet the following standards to be recommended for licensure following degree completion. Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA in both the area of content expertise and pedagogy courses. In addition, students must pass the MO Content Exam and the MO Educator Evaluation System for recommendation for licensure. Students must also fulfill other assessments such as a dispositions profile and be cleared through an FBI background check.

Special Options with Secondary Education

Southeast offers a Master of Arts in Secondary Education: Educational Studies or Educational Technology.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit

This program could lead to licensure or certification. However, Southeast’s program either does not meet, or we cannot determine if it meets, the licensure or certification requirement in all states. Please consult our State Authorization page, Licensure tab, to determine information specific to your state: https://semo.edu/online/student-resources/stateauth.html.
This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

“Critical Courses” are italicized and bold. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

**Education Courses - 46 Hours Required**

A grade of 'C' or better is required in education courses, with the exception of ED280 which requires a grade of 'B' or better.

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**Family & Consumer Sciences Education - 36 Hour Major - No Minor Required**

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**General Education Requirements - some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program**

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

A “Milestone” signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

**Degree requirements for all students**: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

Students have the option of adding another area of concentration or a minor to this degree.