Family and Consumer Studies
ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Family and Consumer Studies (FCS) Programme at the University of Technology, Jamaica in the School of Technical and Vocational Education has been valued as one of the best in producing top-quality specialists teachers in the field of home economics.

The programme has been evolving over the years to meet the needs of families in an ever-changing society. In this programme, students competencies in teaching courses across various subjects in Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles and Family Studies.

Good citizenship, behavior and attitudes are reinforced throughout the curriculum in teaching. Students are exposed to teaching and learning theories and will learn how to use technology to enhance teaching.

The lecturers in the programme are known for their accessibility to students and for their excellence in the classroom. They bring current and relevant material, appropriate technology and innovative teaching strategies, to the learning environment.
The successful candidate should possess the following or equivalent qualifications:

- Five (5) CXC/CSEC (General and Technical proficiency level, grades 1,2, and 3* (*as of June 1998)

- G.C.E. ‘O’ Level, grades A,B and C

- CVQ and NVQ

Subjects should include Mathematics and English Language and three other approved subjects.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Passes should include grade 1 or 2 in the subject you will be prepared to teach (i.e. *Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles and Home Management*)

**PROGRAMME DURATION:** 4 years
MODULES REQUIRED
(including summer sessions)

YEAR 1

Education Modules
- Foundations of Education
- Becoming a Teacher
- Adolescent Psychology for Teachers
- Instructional Technology
- Learning Theories and Practice
- Classroom and Behaviour Management

Specialization Modules
- Basic Clothing (Optional)
- Introduction to Fashion Designing
- Introduction to Food and Nutrition
- Textiles for Consumers
- Introduction to FCS Education
- Food Preparation and Presentation
- Consumer Economics

General Education Modules
- Fundamentals of Chemistry
- College Mathematics 1A
- Academic Writing 1
- Information Technology
- Community Service Project
- Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety
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(including summer sessions)

YEAR 2

Education Modules
Assessment in Education
Instructional Methods and Practice
Introduction to Counselling
Curriculum Planning and Development
Reading in the Content Area

Specialization Modules
Life Cycle Nutrition
Principles of Baking
Garment Construction
Housing and Interior Design
Family Resource Management
Draping for Fashion Designing
Family in World Perspective Quantity Food Production and Service

General Education Modules
Entrepreneurship
University Elective
Academic Writing II
YEARS 3

**Education Modules**
- Teaching Practice I
- Teaching Practice II
- Integrative Study
- Special Methods and Practice
- Professionalism

**Specialization Modules**
- Advanced Garment Construction
- Bar and Beverage Management
- Customer Service
- Human Sexual Behaviour
- Parent-Child Relations
- Food Service Systems Management

**General Education Modules**
- Research Methodologies
- Work Experience
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Teacher at secondary and post-secondary level
- Research Assistant
- Consumer Service Advisor
- Nutrition Coordinator
- Test Kitchen Director
- Community Extension Officer
- Interior Decorator
- Family Life Educator
- Educational Material Developer
- Curriculum Developer/Specialists
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