FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES
THE PEOPLE-CENTERED SCIENCES

DEFINITION
Field of study focused on the science and the art of living and working well in our complex world.

VALUE
Through research, experiential education, and technology, our professionals help people develop the essential knowledge and skills to:
• Lead better lives
• Be work and career ready
• Build strong families
• Make meaningful contributions to our communities

CONTENT AREAS
Our primary areas of focus include:
• Culinary arts, hospitality, and tourism
• Education and training
• Food science and nutrition
• Health management and wellness
• Housing and interior design
• Human/child development and family relations
• Personal and family finance
• Textiles, apparel, and retailing
Sustainable practices, consumerism, and leadership principles are woven throughout the content areas.

PRACTICE SETTINGS
You will find professionals in:
• Academic education at these levels
  – Early childhood
  – Elementary
  – Secondary
  – Higher Education
• Community education for adults and youth, including Cooperative Extension programs
• Business and industry
• Government
• Health and human services

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