Advocate for an FCS-specific Career Cluster

In late October 2023, Advance CTE released a survey to seek input on how the National Career Clusters Framework is used and how stakeholders would like to use the framework in the future.

The National Career Clusters Framework is a guiding tool that organizes career paths into 16 high-demand clusters. The Essential Knowledge and Skill Statements associated with each of the clusters identify what students should know and be able to do upon completion of their career pathways and programs of study.

Submit Your Response Today - National Career Clusters Framework National Implementation Survey now open!

Why Submit Your Feedback?

The Advance CTE survey presents an opportunity for our community to advocate for the inclusion of Family and Consumer Sciences in an FCS-specific Career Cluster.

Such a cluster would amplify awareness of the critical work that professionals in our industry do and underscore the importance of the fields included within Family and Consumer Sciences.

Documenting students’ essential knowledge and skills occurs through the AAFCS Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) program. The Pre-PAC portfolio of industry-recognized credentials provides a measure to validate success in 12 of the current Career Clusters. If you administer the credentials in your program, you have data that you can share with Advance CTE to demonstrate how your FCS programs are preparing students for career success.

How Can You Help?

Advance CTE needs to hear from the community that is using the career clusters and assisting students in completing their career pathways and programs of study. Share how the lack of an FCS-specific Career Cluster has affected you and your students.

What comes next?

We encourage you to work closely with the FCS Division of ACTE, AAFCS, FCCLA and other FCS associations to advocate for the inclusion of an FCS-specific Career Cluster. Use the resources and data on this page to share your message on why there should be an FCS-specific Career Cluster.

Share the Advance CTE survey with your colleagues, supervisors, business and industry partners, universities, and more to raise the visibility of this project and gain support for the inclusion of Family and Consumer Sciences in an FCS-Specific Career Cluster.