Family and Consumer Studies Specialization

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY, NUTRITION, AND EXERCISE SCIENCES

Queens College

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Strong families are the foundation of healthy communities and societies. Families today face many challenges, including divorce, illness, poverty, and death. Family and Consumer Science professionals help families find solutions to their problems using a multidisciplinary approach (e.g., human development, family relations, family economics, and resource management).

The specialization in Family and Consumer Studies (FCS) prepares students for education and service careers working with children, families, and consumers. Students develop the knowledge, understanding, and skills necessary to help families successfully manage life challenges.

Family and Consumer Studies specialization is part of the Department of Family, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences. The program, which is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, offers a BA in Family and Consumer Studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The FCS specialization prepares professionals for work in settings such as:

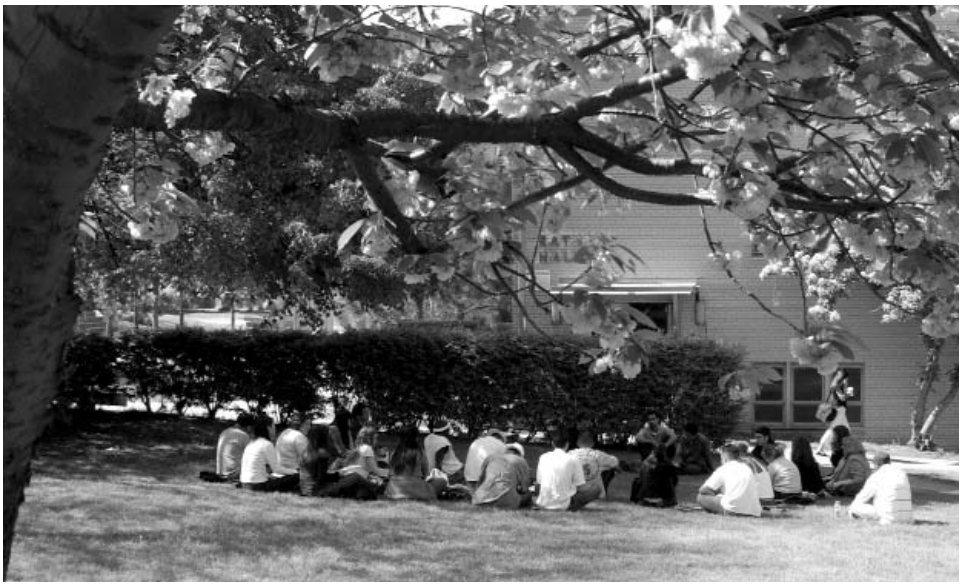
- State Department of Family and Child Services
- Health and Human/Family Services agencies
- Day care centers
- Family life education centers
- Parenting programs
- Family service departments of hospitals and clinics
- Nursing homes
- Adolescents' and children's residencies
- Departments of social welfare
- Cooperative extension services
- Consumer agencies
- Financial institutes
- Financial counseling agencies
- Consumer protection agencies
- Consumer relations departments of business and industry

FAMILY AND CONSUMER STUDIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Family and Consumer Studies include satisfactory completion of the general college curriculum and courses specific to the specialization (120 semester hours are needed for graduation). Among the required courses for the FCS specialization are Child Development and Parenting, Family Relations, Problems in Marriage and the Family, Family Issues and Conflict Resolution, Family Resource Management, and Current Problems in Family and Consumer Studies. For a complete list visit www.qc.cuny.edu/FNES/

THE FACULTY

Faculty members have a broad and in-depth expertise in the family and consumer studies field. They have conducted research and published in the areas of parenting, the impact of poverty on families, cultural diversity, and child and adolescent development. They are enthusiastic, caring, and committed to students' success.



STUDENTS

Our graduates have gone to find positions in areas such as social service agencies for children and for the elderly, mental health services, and parenting programs. Others decide to continue their graduate studies and report great experiences due to their education at Queens College.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Professional development is encouraged through a variety of organizations such as the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (www.aafcs.org) and National Council on Family Relations (www.ncfr.org). Students are encouraged to join these organizations and to attend their regional and national conferences and participate in their activities. Through membership and involvement in these associations, students can build professional networks.

QUEENS COLLEGE

Queens College enjoys a national reputation for its liberal arts and sciences. Our students, who come from 140 countries, reflect the diversity of the New York City area. In recognition of this, the U.S. News *America's Best Colleges* ranks us among the 11 colleges with the highest campus diversity rating.

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