2026-27 Academic Year

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION (MSE)

Curriculum and Instruction - Instructional Leadership

Build advanced expertise in family and consumer sciences education through the MSE in Curriculum and Instruction with a Family and Consumer Sciences focus. Designed for licensed educators, this program strengthens instructional practice while allowing you to pursue in-depth study in an FCS content area aligned with your professional goals. You'll explore instructional theory, curriculum design, and assessment strategies alongside current literature and emerging trends in family and consumer sciences. Coursework emphasizes applying research-based instructional techniques and curriculum development principles to PK–12 or postsecondary FCS settings, culminating in original research tailored to your area of focus. This program is intended for educators who already hold certification in family and consumer sciences. It does not lead to initial teacher licensure, and licensure applicability may vary by state.

fast facts

Degree offered: Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Curriculum and Instruction – Instructional Leadership / Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Credit hours: 36

Cost per credit hour: $404 total *(includes $261.90 tuition + $142.10 fees)*

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- FCS curriculum design
- Instructional strategies for FCS classrooms
- Classroom assessment and data use
- Family and consumer sciences pedagogy
- Analysis of current trends and issues in FCS
- Research methods in family and consumer sciences education
- Curriculum evaluation and adaptation
- Educational research and inquiry
- Professional practice and reflective teaching

Possible Careers

- Family and consumer sciences teacher (middle or high school)
- Career and technical education (CTE) instructor
- Curriculum specialist
- Program coordinator
- Extension or community education specialist
- Education consultant
- Instructional designer

Types of Employers

- PK–12 school districts
- Private and parochial schools
- Career and technical education centers
- Community colleges
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- Extension and outreach programs
- State and local education agencies
- Nonprofit education organizations
- Workforce development programs

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.



Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com* for 2025.



College of Distinction
Wayne State College has been recognized as a College of Distinction, an honor that highlights institutions for engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant campus community, and successful outcomes.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program requirements: 36 credit hours

Core courses (12 credit hours)

EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design 3
EDU 621 Education Program Orientation 0
EDU 652 Instructional Theory and Practice 3
EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16 3
Select one of the following 3

- EDU 674 History and Philosophy of Education (3)
- MAT 645 Current Trends in Mathematics Curriculum and Teaching (3)

Family and Consumer Sciences Education focus area (15 credit hours)

FCS 610 Instructional Techniques and Curriculum Development in FCS 3
FCS 615 Current Trends and Issues in Family and Consumer Sciences 3
Electives 9

- FCS 505 Special Topics in Family and Consumer Sciences (3-9)
- FCS 591 Special Project (3)
- FCS 695 Independent Study (3)
- FCS 597 Internship (3)
- FCS 697 Internship (3)

Additional content requirements (0-12 credit hours)

Take enough electives to have a minimum of 36 hours for this program. Additional courses to fulfill the Curriculum and Instruction MSE (Skilled and Technical Sciences Education emphasis) degree requirements include:

EDU 600 Literacy through Literature for Children (3)
EDU 604 Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School (3)
EDU 626 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
EDU 627 Current Issues and Trends in Education (3)
EDU 629 Science of Reading-Early Childhood (2)
EDU 630 Science of Reading I (3)
EDU 631 Science of Reading II (3)
EDU 645 The Principal as Instructional Leader (3)
EDU 655 School Law: Constitutional Aspects and Cases (3)
EDU 657 School Organizational and Community Relations (3)
EDU 666 Supervision of Instruction for Elementary and Secondary (3)
EDU 682 Developing and Integrating Technology in the Classroom (3)
EDU 693 Final Research (2-3)
EDU 699 Thesis (0-6)
Any special education graduate level course by advisement

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