



## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### Your Career Opportunities are Diverse and Endless!

If you...are a people person, like to lead and teach, enjoy creative thinking, working in teams, public speaking, take pride in your organizational and presentation skills, and want to make a difference in the lives of children and families...

You could... create new products for consumers; provide customer services in hospitality industries; counsel others in health and fitness; train and retrain employees for the workforce; write and deliver consumer information on the Web and for print media; provide financial guidance services; serve youth and families through government and community agencies; and so much more!

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**WINTHROP**  
UNIVERSITY

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

# Family and Consumer Sciences

*Empowering individuals. Strengthening families.  
Enabling communities.*

## The Major

Family and consumer sciences is a major available to students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in the Richard W. Riley College of Education at Winthrop University. This degree prepares graduates for human and consumer service agencies and organizations where children and families are the focus.

## The Program

The B.S. in family and consumer sciences is a strong interdisciplinary program which includes course work from a variety of areas. Approximately 69 semester hours are required in child and family development, consumer economics, nutrition, clothing/textiles and housing. A minor in human nutrition, health, human resource management, gerontology or a specialization in youth issues, business/media or early intervention is included in the program.

## Internships

In family and consumer sciences, students have opportunities for internship placements at a variety of agencies, organizations, and corporations in the metro-Charlotte area.

## Student Organizations

The Richard W. Riley College of Education sponsors WINAFACS—Winthrop Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The group's activities include leadership training,

networking opportunities and a variety of community service projects.

## Careers

Family and consumer sciences professionals strive to improve the quality of individual and family life by developing and evaluating consumer goods and services; providing educational and prevention programs; and influencing the creation of public policy. FACS professionals educate and influence others in classrooms, companies, and communities. Professionals work in the following fields: food and nutrition sciences, nutrition and fitness, human development and family science, education, hospitality, communications, housing, interior design, financial planning, and apparel and textiles.

## Faculty

The faculty at Winthrop are highly devoted to teaching. The vast majority of faculty hold terminal degrees. All faculty have distinctive credentials and experiences indicative of excellence in teaching. They also participate in a variety of professional activities, coordinate Winthrop programs, and volunteer in Rock Hill and surrounding communities. Richard W. Riley College of Education majors have plenty of opportunity to interact with their professors and establish the contact they will need for advanced study and employment.

### How does the program work?

Entering freshmen can declare family and consumer sciences as a major. All applicants or students transferring to FACS must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all coursework prior to admission to the family and consumer sciences program. All FACS courses are restricted to majors with a 2.25 minimum grade point average. A grade of "C" or better must be earned in the professional courses. University requirements must be met with a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or greater in order to graduate.

### Student's Perspective

"FACS is concerned with education and prevention. I have learned how to integrate knowledge—psychology, sociology, foods and nutrition, social work, health, business and education—to improve the lives of individuals, families and communities. FACS studies are focused in areas that combine hands-on experiences with current technology. My options after graduation were many."

—Christine McLeod, FACS Alumni and Graduate Student in Community Counseling



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