

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Courses and curricula in the department are designed to educate you as an individual and as a citizen in a changing society. They also develop a scientific attitude and provide students with the ability to conduct research directed toward solutions of problems affecting the quality of life for individuals, families and communities.

Bachelor of Science- Family and Consumer Sciences Education (FCSE)

This major prepares you to teach in middle or high school or in other settings such as the Cooperative Extension Service or community agencies. The major is an accredited education program which meets the teacher licensure requirements for the State of New Mexico. In the spring semester of the senior year, you will apply all the principles of teaching that you have learned in a semester of student teaching in a selected school.

What Does Data Reveal About FCS?

There is a significant and escalating shortage of qualified family and consumer sciences professionals for roles in secondary and higher education, as well as Extension education. This growing deficit often leads to educator positions remaining unfilled or being occupied by individuals lacking proper family and consumer sciences credentials.

The shortage of both FCS educators and students in educator preparation programs can ultimately lead to the closure of valuable programs (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2024).



Work-Based Learning Opportunities

- Student teaching in public schools such as:
 - Las Cruces Public Schools
 - Alamogordo Public Schools
 - Hatch Valley Public Schools
 - Gadsden Independent School District
 - El Paso Independent School District
- NMSU Cooperative Extension Service

Associated Middle and High School Career and Technical Student Organizations

- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- Educator's Rising
- SkillsUSA

Professional Organizations

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Association for Career and Technical Education
- National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Example Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Educational Leadership and Administration
- Curriculum and Instruction



Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) educators have a diverse range of career opportunities.

This major will allow you to touch the lives of children, youth, adults, and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members. Students with an FCSE major are in demand to work in community agencies focused on adults and youth. Some of these aligned occupations are highlighted below.

Related Careers

Public Schools: Teaching middle and high school students about life skills, nutrition, and personal finance.	Extension Services: Working with Cooperative Extension programs to provide education and resources to families and communities.
Career and Technical Education Leadership: Overseeing and managing programs that provide students with technical skills and vocational training.	Nonprofit Organizations: Developing and delivering educational programs focused on health, nutrition, financial literacy, or family dynamics.
Online Education Platforms: Creating and teaching FCS courses in virtual settings.	Government Agencies: Implementing community education programs related to public health, nutrition, or family support services.
Community Colleges: Offering courses in family and consumer sciences, culinary arts, and related fields.	Community Health Organizations: Providing education on nutrition, health, and wellness to diverse populations.
Adult Education Programs: Teaching life skills, financial planning, or cooking classes for adult learners.	Hospitality Management: Educating students in areas like event planning, customer service, and hotel management.

Sample Labor Market Data for New Mexico Family and Consumer Sciences Related Occupations

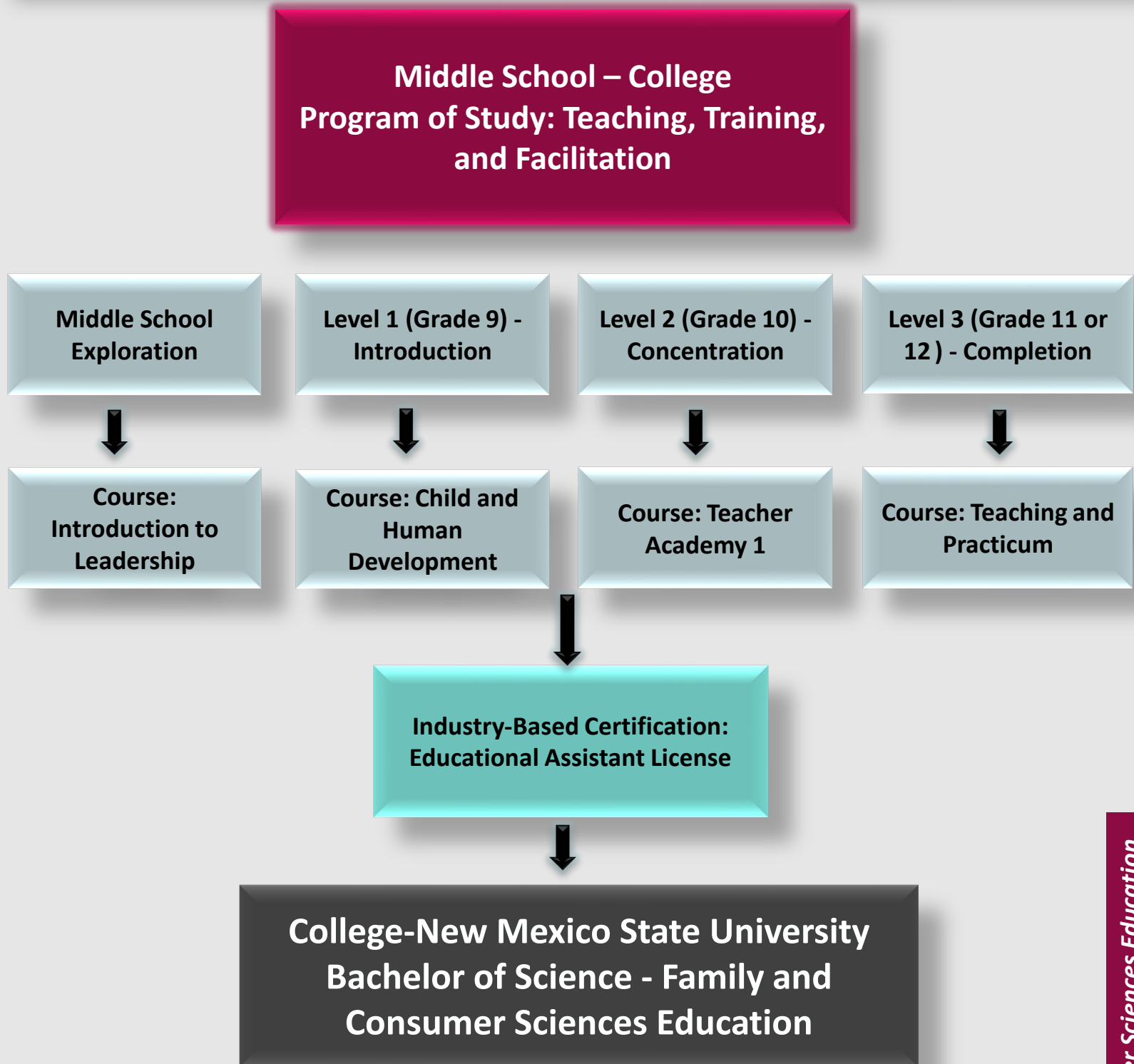
Family and Consumer Sciences/Secondary Teacher Median Wage: \$66,370 Annual Projected Openings: 101
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Median Wage: \$60,260 Annual Projected Openings: 14
Career and Technical Education Leadership Median Wage: \$96,790 Annual Projected Openings: 140

Sample Labor Market Data for Nationwide Family and Consumer Sciences Related Occupations

Family and Consumer Sciences/Secondary Teacher Median Wage: \$64,390 Annual Projected Openings: 18,100
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Median Wage: \$59,770 Annual Projected Openings: 800
Career and Technical Education Leadership Median Wage: \$103,460 Annual Projected Openings: 20,200

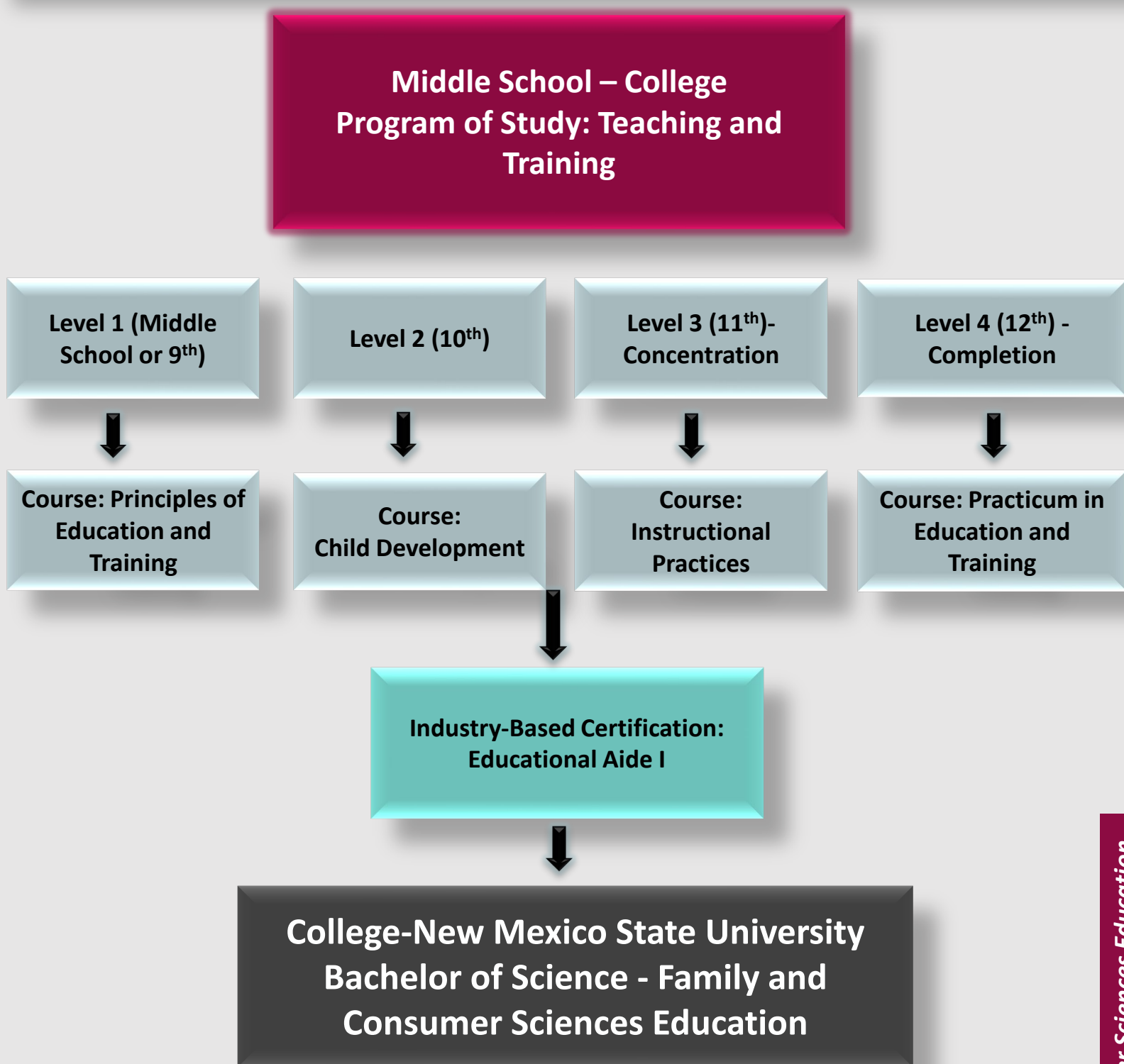
New Mexico: Sample Pipeline for Teaching, Training, and Facilitation

Middle School – NMSU FCSE Program



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