

Assessment Plan

Western Michigan University

Family Studies & Child Development

Outcome: Attitudes and Behaviors (Undergraduate)

Student will demonstrate personal attitudes, abilities, skills and knowledge of expectations with respect to standards of behavior necessary to succeed within the professional environment. Student will recognize, accept, and respect diversity and individual differences.

Track: Undergraduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Field experience/ Supervisor Evaluation Questionnaire Assessment Method Category: Field Experience Evaluation	Mean aggregate ratings by supervisors will be at least 7 by 75% of the students in a 10-point scale of the student Overall Performance on the Supervisor Evaluation for Practicum in FCS 2020 (Field Experience) and FCS 4290 (Internship)	One academic year for students enrolled in FCS 2020 (Field Experience) and FCS 4290 (Internship)	Yes
Faculty assessment of student readiness for field experience and internship. Assessment Method Category: Departmental Committee Review	Major faculty signature on the Approval Form for FCS 2020 and FCS 4290.	Every semester for students seeking field placement in FCS 2020 and FCS 4290.	Yes

Outcome: Content Knowledge and Skills (Undergraduate)

Students will gain knowledge of content and skills necessary for professional practice.

Track: Undergraduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Family Studies program meet requirements for program approval for provisional certification by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). Assessment Method Category: External Boards, Advisory or Focus Groups	BS program in Family Studies will maintain approval for the NCFR.	Every five years (next review: 2013)	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	90% of students in FCS 4100 will demonstrate knowledge acquired in 9 of the 10 FLE Substance Areas.	Annual collection and review by program area faculty.	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	90% of FCS 3180 students will achieve a grade of BA or better on the second communication assignment.	Annual collection and review by program area faculty.	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	80% of the FST students in FCS 4100 will participate as a group member in the development of an FLE curriculum and will achieve a grade of BA or better.	Annual collection and review by program area faculty.	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	80% of the FST students in 4100 will participate as a group member in the development and	Annual collection and review by program area faculty.	Yes

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
	implementation of a 45-60 minute presentation and will achieve a grade of BA or better.		
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	80% of FST students in FCS 4150 will demonstrate the ability to search, analyze, compile and utilize scholarly literature by achieving a grade of B or better on the research paper assignment.	Annual collection and review by program area faculty.	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	90% of FST students will achieve a grade of BA or better on the last three observation assignments in FCS 3140 and on the observation and documentation assignment in FCS 4150.	Annual collection and review by program area faculty.	Yes

Outcome: Experience (Undergraduate)

Students will gain experience necessary for professional practice.

Track: Undergraduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Field Experience/ Internship/ Practicum Assessment Method Category: Field Experience Evaluation	Family Studies students will successfully complete the 480 hours of major-related experience prior to graduation.	Prior to graduation	Yes
Membership to student organizations Assessment Method Category: Departmental Committee Review	Family Studies students can join the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student organization	Annually in spring semester	Yes

Outcome: Instructional Technology (Undergraduate)

Students will demonstrate the ability to apply computer-based and other information systems to support academic and professional activities.

Track: Undergraduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	100% of FST students will use WMU's Instructional Technology system to submit assignments, complete quizzes/tests, engage in discussions, and access information appropriately and successfully in FCS 3180, FCS 3170, FCS 2090, and FCS 2140.	Per semester course offered	Yes

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	At least 90% of Family Studies will achieve a grade of B or higher in FCS 1000 & FCS 4100 in their iWebfolio assignment	Per semester course offered	Yes

Outcome: Attitudes and Behaviors (Graduate)

Student will demonstrate personal attitudes, abilities, skills and knowledge of expectations with respect to standards of behavior necessary to succeed within the professional environment. Student will recognize, accept, and respect diversity and individual differences.

Track: Graduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Practicum Supervisor Evaluation Questionnaire Assessment Method Category: Field Experience Evaluation	Mean aggregate ratings by supervisors will be at least 35 by 15 out of 20 students in a 40-point scale of Management/Organizational Abilities, Interpersonal Abilities, and Professionalism items 1-18 on the Supervisor Evaluation for Practicum	Fall and Spring semesters for students enrolled in FCS 6220 (Practicum)	Yes
Faculty assessment of student readiness for field experience and internship. Assessment Method Category: Departmental Committee Review	Major faculty signature on the Approval Form for FCS 6220.	Every semester for students seeking field placement in FCS 6220.	Yes

Outcome: Content Knowledge and Skills (Graduate)

Students will gain knowledge of content and skills necessary for professional practice.

Track: Graduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
MA FCS-FLE program meet requirements for program approval for provisional certification by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). Assessment Method Category: External Boards, Advisory or Focus Groups	MA program in FCS-FLE will maintain approval for the NCFR.	Every five years (next review: 2013)	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	90% of MA FCS-FLE students in FCS 5350 will achieve a grade of BA or better on the last major skills assignment.	Per semester course offered	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	80% of the MA FCS-FLE students in FCS 6520 will participate as a group member in the development of an FLE curriculum and will achieve a grade of BA or better.	Per semester course offered	Yes
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category:	90% of MA FCS-FLE students in FCS 6600 will demonstrate the ability to search, analyze,	Per semester course offered	Yes

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Course-Embedded Measure	compile and apply scholarly literature by achieving a grade of BA or better on the genogram paper assignment.		

Outcome: Experience (Graduate)

Students will gain experience necessary for professional practice.

Track: Undergraduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Practicum Assessment Method Category: Field Experience Evaluation	MA FCS-FLE students will successfully complete 2-3 credits of major-related experience prior to graduation.	Prior to graduation	Yes

Outcome: Instructional Technology (Graduate)

Students will demonstrate the ability to apply computer-based and other information systems to support academic and professional activities.

Track: Undergraduate

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Course-embedded activities Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	100% of MA FCS-FLE students will use WMU's Instructional Technology system to submit assignments, complete quizzes/tests, engage in discussions, and access information appropriately and successfully in FCS 6600.	Per semester course offered	Yes