Western Michigan University’s Family and Consumer Sciences (M.A.) program offers concentrations in:

- Family Life Education
- Dietetics
- Textile and Apparel Studies

- The Family Life Education concentration prepares professionals to provide prevention and intervention services for individuals and families across the lifespan. Provisional Certification as a Family Life Educator is available.

- The Dietetics concentration is designed for students enrolled in WMU’s Dietetic Internship Program, those who have completed a dietetic internship accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, and others who are already Registered Dietitians.

- The Textile and Apparel Studies concentration prepares individuals for professional and academic positions in the fashion industry and offers a flexible program that can be tailored to individual career goals.

- All concentrations offer options to meet individual academic goals through coursework and advanced internships.

- Courses are offered online, evenings, and/or weekends.

Reasons to Choose Our Program...

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Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
FCS faculty are recognized for scholarship in entrepreneurship and small business management, global aspects of the fashion industry, social media marketing, career and curriculum development, human nutrition, food access, sustainable food systems, parent-child attachment, identity development of young children, programs for separating parents, military families, and collaborative family-oriented health care. Faculty serve on editorial boards of national and international academic journals and as leaders in professional organizations.

Graduates from the Family Life Education concentration hold positions as program coordinators or directors in areas such as adoption and foster care, human services, parent education, military family support, abuse protection, sexuality education, family financial education, child and youth development, juvenile justice, family preservation, community health, victim/witness support services, and child life.

The Dietetics concentration is designed for current dietetic interns or registered dietitians desiring a master’s degree that complements existing professional skills. Students earn 15 credit hours in nutritional science and 15 credit hours in complementary areas such as adult education, program planning, grant writing, family studies, and research.

The Textile and Apparel Studies concentration courses focus on developing advanced competencies necessary for success in the fashion business or education environment. Graduates typically pursue doctoral studies in preparation for an academic career or management positions in organizations that design, produce and market apparel and related products.

Admissions
M.A. applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Applicants are required to submit the University Application for Graduate Admission and the department application. GRE scores are not required. All other required application materials are noted on the department website at www.wmich.edu/consumer/academics/masters/

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
The Department of FCS hires 2-3 graduate assistants during the fall and spring semesters. Students wishing to be considered for one of these positions should send a letter of interest and a resume to the department.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 29 doctoral and 64 master’s degrees. More than 20 percent of its 25,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.