

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE EDUCATION

The purpose of the volunteer/work experience requirement is to provide those seeking vocational authorization in family and consumer science education with practical “work experience” in their field. Since family and consumer science education deals with unpaid as well as paid employment, the work experience requirement may occur in volunteer settings where applicants will have the opportunity to observe and assist families in their multiple roles as workers, parents, family members, consumers, and community members.

A total of 200 hours of recent and relevant volunteer/paid work experience will be required of each applicant in three of four possible areas. The hours must be documented. Forms are available from the College of Education Advising office (2504 Sangren Hall) and on-line at <http://www.wmich.edu/coe/fcs/cte/undergrad.htm>. The hours may be accrued as part of university-level courses EXCLUSIVE of the student teaching experience.

CATEGORIES

AREA 1: FAMILY SERVICES. Complete a minimum of 50 hours in this group. Experience may include paid or volunteer experiences in the following types of settings:

Cooperative Extension	Social Service Agencies	Red Cross
Hospitals	Nursing Homes	Extended Care Facilities
Domestic Shelters	Parent Education Programs	Catholic Family Service
Handicapper Assistance Programs		

AREA 2: CHILDREN/YOUTH SERVICES. Complete a minimum of 50 hours in this group.

4-H	Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts	Girls' Club/Boys' Club
Tutoring	Recreation/camp programs	Coaching/athletic leagues
Teen Centers	Child care provider	Teen crisis centers
Church school	Camp counselor	

AREA 3: CONSUMER SERVICES. Complete a minimum of 50 hours in this group.

Credit Counseling agencies	Housing programs	Food Banks
Resource Assistance programs	Bank/credit union	Energy closets
Better Business Bureau		

AREA 4: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. Complete a minimum of 50 hours in this group.

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Tutoring
Substitute Teaching in Family and Consumer Sciences courses
Community education programs in Life Skills content areas
Observation in Family and Consumer Sciences classrooms