

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, MFCS

Master of Family and Consumer Sciences (M.F.C.S.)

The College of Human Sciences offers a nonthesis, professional master's degree program offered completely online through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (or GPIDEA).

Students select one of the following specializations (all require 36 credits): Dietetics (no longer accepting new applicants), Family Financial Planning, Gerontology, and Youth Development

The Program of Study committee, in consultation with the student, establishes the courses to be taken and the acceptability of transfer credits. The major professor is selected from the discipline in which the concentration of coursework will be taken. Written and oral final integrative examinations are required in lieu of a thesis or creative component.

Admission requirements for the MFCS include a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college or university, minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average (students below this GPA will still be considered for admission), transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, two letters of recommendation, and a goal statement. Non-English speaking international students are required to have a TOEFL score of at least 550 at time of admission.

Graduate Certificates

<https://www.hs.iastate.edu/graduate/>

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Four graduate certificates are available:

- Family Financial Planning (18 credits): fulfills educational requirements of the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards CFP® Certification Examination.
- Gerontology (15 credits)
- Youth Development Specialist (12 credits)
- Youth Program Management and Evaluation (12 credits)

For additional information, students should contact the Great Plains IDEA Campus Coordinator, 2155 Lagomarcino, gpideainfo@iastate.edu, 515-294-5397.