



## Filling the Workforce Shortage Through Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education offers technical training, internships, real world skills, and industry credentials related to human services, hospitality and tourism, education and training, and visual arts and design Career Pathways. With over 10 million job openings in the U.S., finding workers with the industry and soft skills required is becoming more difficult. FCS is the answer to solving the shortage and building a robust and skilled workforce.



### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

National FCS education standards help equip students with the foundation to pursue a career in all areas of the Education and Training pathway. According to projections from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, through 2026, more than 270,000 educators are expected to leave the field annually. Students in Career and Technical Student Education courses are better prepared to fill the teacher pipeline through FCS coursework, early field experiences, and real-world skills that translate to long term success in the classroom.



### HUMAN SERVICES

According to the Child Development Associate, 14 million young children in the United States are in some form of early childhood education and care. By 2031, community and social service occupations are projected to grow 10 percent, creating 295,000 new jobs. FCS courses offer human services industry credentials that provide students the opportunity to enter the workforce and be on track for high-wage, high-demand careers.



### VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN

Through FCS education, students learn technical and work-ready skills that prepare them to adapt to changing career fields such as sustainable fashion, which encourages environmentally conscious design, manufacturing, and distribution. These skills will help fill the over 94,000 visual arts and design career openings annually.



### HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment of chefs and head cooks is projected to grow 15 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations. FCS education provides extensive instruction to train and equip workers for this field through a rigorous, standard-driven curriculum, field experience, and partnerships with leaders in the industry.

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