

Guidelines

Work Experience Requirement

To graduate under the licensure major in FCSEd, you are required to verify 400 hours of paid work experience in appropriate FCS occupations completed after high school graduation.

This is required by the Iowa's Department of Education, and applies to all Iowa FCS teacher education graduates including those who earn an FCS endorsement or teaching license from the state of Iowa. ISU's FCEDS program meets the requirement by making it a prerequisite in FCEdS 318/518.

If you earning a teaching license or endorsement in another state, the hours you are required to document will likely be different. Please contact your state's FCS consultant for this information. If you are not earning a teaching license or endorsement, this requirement does not pertain to you.

Original signed Work Verification Form documents, with business cards attached, are collected in the course: **FCEDS 318/518**.

Further clarification: Career and technical education concepts are being incorporated in the consumer and homemaking curriculum of many middle/junior and senior high programs. For FCS teachers to be prepared to teach these concepts, it is felt that their pre-service training should include experience with the working world and in occupations similar to those that secondary students might seek as employment. Historically, many pre-service teachers have had little or no experience in the working world outside of education. This hampers their ability to help their students prepare for the world of employment outside of the academic setting.

- Hours must have been earned after high school in paid employment
- Must be in an FCS related area (food service, child care, apparel trades, institutional housekeeping, interior furnishings, family service)
- 400 hours in total, may be from a number of jobs
- Job required less than a college degree, community college graduate would be accepted
- Must have completed a job application and an interview
- Not employed by the family

Not in babysitting unless you were self employed and can show appropriate paperwork (social security paid, etc).

Now move ahead and look at the **Work verification form**. Note that for this form to be complete, a business letterhead, address stamp, or business card must be attached.