

ABOUT GREAT PLAINS IDEA

The Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (Great Plains IDEA) is a consortium of distinguished, accredited universities offering fully online graduate programs. Each university brings a unique strength in faculty and curriculum to the multi-institution program. Students choose a home university where they apply, are admitted, register for courses, and receive their degree. Online courses are taught by the best faculty in each discipline from several universities. Students pay one common price per credit hour regardless of which university is their degree-granting institution.

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

Central Washington University

www.cwu.edu

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

cehs.unl.edu/cyaf/grad/fcseddistant.html

North Dakota State University

www.ndsu.edu/hde/graduate/online_masters_degrees/

South Dakota State University

gpidea.sdstate.edu

Texas Tech University

www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/gpidea

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Nationwide, there is strong demand for Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) teachers, with the most severe need in rural areas. Consider these two FCS degree options.

Option A: Master's degree in FCS Education for those seeking initial teacher certification

Option A is a 38- to 41-credit-hour program of study for students with a bachelor's degree in a FCS Education content specialization or a related area who seek initial teacher certification or licensure in FCS Education. Standards for teacher certification vary by state. Students are responsible for identifying and meeting requirements in the state where they want to be certified. This may include additional coursework, tests, or other requirements.

Option B: Master's degree in FCS Education for certified FCS teachers and professionals

Option B is a 36-credit-hour program of study for professionals in FCS Education including certified teachers who seek professional development and career advancement. This program provides continuing education to maintain and sustain high quality FCS programs in middle and secondary schools and other settings.

** Degree titles vary by institution. Consult each institution for the title as it will appear on the diploma.*

THIS DEGREE ALLOWS YOU TO

- Plan curriculum for teaching
- Engage students in the learning process
- Examine the relationship of diverse groups and the educational process
- Analyze the historical and philosophical underpinnings of FCS education
- Apply research to practice

PROGRAM OF STUDY

OPTION A: SEEKING INITIAL CERTIFICATION

36-41 credit hours

INCLUDES:

Depending on certification requirements.

2-6 credit hours in practicum

6-9 credit hours student teaching

OPTION B: FOR FCS ED CERTIFIED TEACHERS

36 credit hours

INCLUDES:

Project, thesis, or research class

COURSES OFFERED (MAY VARY DEPENDING ON OPTION)

- History and Philosophy of FCS and CTE
- Career Preparation in FCS
- Exceptional Learners
- Human Relations - Multicultural Education
- Development of the Adolescent Learner
- Literacy in the Content Area
- Instructional/Computer-Based Technology
- Advising of FCCLA
- Curriculum Development
- Evaluation/Assessment
- Supervision in FCS Education
- Administration of FCS Education Programs
- Research
- FCS Methods I & II (Option A only)
- Practicum (Option A only)
- Student Teaching (Option A only)

METHOD OF DELIVERY

The courses in this program are taught by the same instructors who teach on campus at the participating universities. Curriculum is adapted for the online environment to ensure students receive the same quality education as they would experience on campus.

Course schedules are determined by the teaching institution; students access course content when it is convenient for them. Instructors may choose to host synchronous virtual meetings periodically. Students meet deadlines as outlined by the instructor, and interact with instructors and other students through e-mail, chats, discussion boards, and other interactive methods. Students must have access to a computer, e-mail, and the Internet.

BENEFITS OF ONLINE LEARNING

- Advance your career
- Increase your earning potential
- Maintain work and family commitments
- Interact with instructors and classmates from across the nation
- Experience learning from leaders in FCS Education
- Plan your program of study with an academic advisor from your home institution

