

PRAXIS II Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Exam

The Praxis Series™ assessments provide educational tests and other services that states use as part of their teacher licensure and certification process. The *Praxis I®* tests measure basic academic skills, and the *Praxis II®* tests measure general and subject-specific knowledge and teaching skills.

This FCS exam is designed for potential family and consumer sciences instructors in grades 6 through 12. You will be given 2 hours to complete this 120 question multiple choice exam. The exam is comprised of 23 questions regarding family and consumer sciences education, 10 questions regarding housing, 11 questions regarding clothing and textiles, 18 questions regarding food and nutrition, 14 questions regarding consumer economics, 14 questions regarding management, 13 questions regarding human development, and, 17 questions regarding the family.

The Family

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of influences on family relationships, changing roles and lifestyles, the development and education of family members, consumer education, physical and psychological support of family members, parenting and, the creation and maintenance of a stable family unit. Knowledge of family relationships, family recreational opportunities, and stages of family development, retirement, traditional families, single individuals, blended families, and family structures will also be included in this section of the exam.

Human Development

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of theories of human development, physical, social, emotional, psychological, intellectual and, moral development. Knowledge of teen suicide, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, special needs and special resources will also be assessed.

Management

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of time management, organization, decision-making strategies, and identification of family values, goals and standards used in reaching management decisions.

Consumer Economics

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of consumer protection, financial planning, family budgets, credit, health-care services, childcare services, elder care services, repair services and, consumer decision making resources. The impact of marketing and societal influences on consumer decisions, and consumer rights and responsibilities will also be included in this portion of the exam.

Nutrition and Food

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of food storage and preservation, food preparation, food selection, food purchase, food and meal management, cultural, religious, and ethnic influences on food choices, nutritional guidelines and, the function and source of nutrients. Your knowledge of health problems related to diabetes, hypertension, obesity, bulimia and anorexia will also be assessed.

Clothing and Textiles

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of characteristics in types of fibers, production of fabrics, wardrobe management, and the care of clothing.

Housing

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of factors that impact consumer housing decisions, interior design, floor plans, traffic patterns, types of housing, and the function of housing.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education

This section of the exam will assess your knowledge of consumer education, community involvement, youth organizations, career education, improved quality of life and, preparation of students for dual roles at work and in the home.