



# FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION

FACILITATING EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS AND CAREER PATHWAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS

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The Framework for Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) in Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides a tool for developing high-quality FCS programs of study. It is designed to help local and state CTE administrators leverage their FCS programs to support students preparation for high-skill, high-wage, and/or in-demand careers and meet local economic and workforce demands for talent.

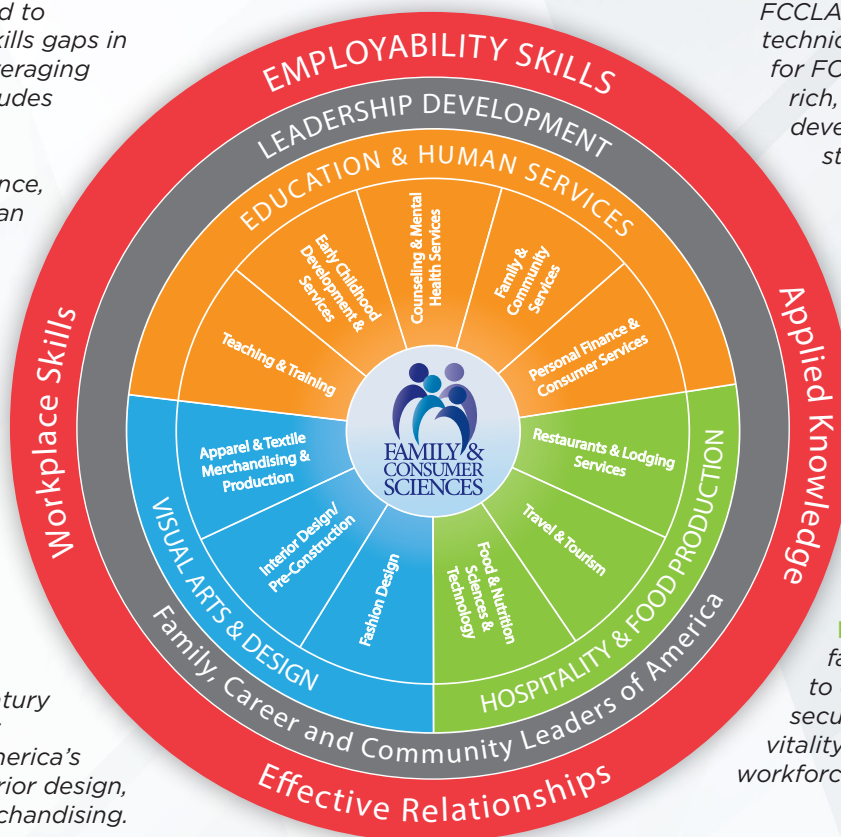
Central to the Framework is the FCS Body of Knowledge - an interdisciplinary field that explores human needs, individual well-being, family strengths, community vitality, and their interrelationships. The FCS Body of Knowledge provides the springboard from which we build FCS programs of study and facilitate student exploration of and advancement in specific career pathways.

### Education and Human Services

*includes some of our nation's most critically in-demand careers serving children, youth, aging adults, and those with mental health challenges.*

*FCS is uniquely equipped to address employability skills gaps in our CTE students. By leveraging FCS curriculum that includes competencies in social/emotional skills, ethics, resiliency, work/life balance, and grit, CTE students can be prepared to thrive in their chosen career field.*

*FCCLA, the aligned career and technical student organization for FCS Education, facilitates rich, meaningful leadership development experiences for students in all FCS career pathways.*



### Visual Arts and Design

*allows students to apply design to meet human needs and solve 21st century challenges preparing for high-wage careers in America's apparel, textile, and interior design, manufacturing, and merchandising.*

*Hospitality & Food Production facilitates students' access to careers that address food security issues and community vitality through a strong hospitality workforce.*

Today's FCS Education courses can easily be aligned to CTE career pathways and build relevant and rigorous CTE programs of study that benefit students and communities. For assistance building FCS career pathways contact [NASAFACS@gmail.com](mailto:NASAFACS@gmail.com).