

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

MAJOR MAP 2024



GETTING STARTED

YOUR COURSE JOURNEY

- Enroll in HSW 100: Student Success in Health Sciences and Wellness
- Start on major requirements with FCS 190: Developing Human Services Professionals and HD 265: Lifespan Development
- Explore areas of emphasis: teacher education, child life specialist preparation, and/or community services

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Attend the FCS All-Major meeting to network with other majors and learn about involvement opportunities
- Ask for help from the [Tutoring-Learning Center \(TLC\)](#) and your professors if you wish to improve in your courses

ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- Join UWSP [student organizations](#) – CLASP, SPAFCS, UCFR, and/or other organizations of interest
- Become involved with community events
- Engage with activities and opportunities through the School of Health Science and Wellness [Student Success Center](#)

CAREER READINESS

- Volunteer or work in settings that allow you to build your skills related to child development and/or family health
- Create a [college resume](#)
- Complete your [Handshake profile](#)
- Learn about and practice networking by attending a [Networking Workshop](#) or the All-Major Career and Internship Fair

MAKING PROGRESS

- Explore [minors](#), [certificates](#), or electives that aid your academic and career goals
- Apply to the [School of Education](#), if applicable
- Establish a [4-year plan](#) with a SHSW adviser

- Explore academic journals, such as [Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences](#) or [Journal of Child Development](#)
- Consider applying to the [Health Scholars Program](#)
- Explore and apply for [SHSW Scholarships](#)

- Become an active member of UWSP organizations
- Research [study abroad](#) or [National Student Exchange](#) programs

- Volunteer with Marshfield Children's Hospital, a local school district, or a community organization
- Conduct an [informational interview](#) or [job shadow](#) with someone who works in a field of interest
- Further develop application materials, including a [cover letter](#), more curated [Handshake profile](#), and/or creating a [LinkedIn profile](#)
- Conduct a [Gap Analysis](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- Research options for student teaching or field work

- Consult with FCS faculty about research
- Attend a professional conference

- Participate in [Student Government Association \(SGA\)](#) or professional organizations at the student, state, or national level

- Attend an [Interviewing Workshop](#); seek additional interview [preparation tools](#)
- Gain [internship](#) or similar work experience in your field
- Pursue opportunities at the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#)
- Talk with mentors about your next steps; if considering [graduate school](#), research your options and understand the application timeline

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Review your 4-year plan and Degree Progress Report to ensure all requirements are fulfilled
- [Apply for graduation](#)

- Present at a professional conference

- Consider your ethical obligations to society, employers, colleagues and individuals in society
- Assume leadership positions

- Start [job searching](#); solidify primary targets and refine materials to fit
- Solidify references and invite them to review your application materials
- Meet with your major's [Career Coach](#) to work through stuck points
- Join and [get involved with](#) relevant professional associations
- Complete the Graduation Exit Survey; we want to celebrate your accomplishments!

CAREERS

- Parent Educator
- Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher
- Head Start Home Visitor
- Youth Program Leader
- Community Health Educator
- Boys and Girls Club Director
- Childcare Teacher
- Consumer Advocate
- Child Life Specialist

and many more!

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.

