

# *FCS Department*

## Frequently Asked Questions



Who should I reach out to with questions about the FCS program at NOHS?  
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What classes can I take as a 9th grader?

- Foods & Nutrition
- Sewing Techniques 1

What classes have prerequisites?

- Foreign Foods- 10th-12th grade level and successfully completed a prior culinary course with a C or better: Foods & Nutrition, Independent Living or Speciality foods.
- Preschool Lab- 10th-12th grade with a C or better in Child Development
- Advanced Preschool- 11th-12th with a grade C or better in Preschool Lab
- Educator Apprenticeship- 10th-12th grade with a B or better in Child Development and Preschool
- Advanced Housing & Interior Design- must be a 10th grader who previously completed Housing & Interior Design I
- Sewing Techniques 2, 3, & 4 - 10th-12th grade in sequential order

Which classes cost money?

- Sewing Techniques 1-4- individual cost for project materials

Can I take a foods course if I have a food allergy or a dietary restriction?

- Absolutely! Many of our recipes are already gluten-free, dairy free or easily customizable to meet your needs. We will provide alternative food substitutions when possible for those with allergies, so you can still participate.

Which class takes part in the Real Care Baby Program?

- Child Development, each student takes the baby home for 16 hours.

Which FCS courses are offered online?

- FCS Seminar- This course offers an overview of many of the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Units include housing and interior design, independent living, consumer education, hospitality and tourism, child development and nutrition.

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- Tourism & Hospitality - The course content includes the history of hospitality and tourism; desirable employee qualities (inter and intrapersonal skills; communication, customer service, time management, and expected employee qualities to meet industry standards); areas that make up the travel and tourism industry (lodging, recreation, amusements, attractions, food/beverage); and entrepreneurship.
- Personal & Family Development- In this class, students will study aspects of their lives now and in the future. Students will begin by looking at their personalities and exploring their character. They will explore ways to make family life positive and successful. Students will examine their relationships with others. Positive health and financial guidance are included in this course. Career and employment preparation conclude the course.

What is the FCS Pathway program?

- In order to recognize the consistent efforts of those students who take all FCS courses, there is a specific curriculum pathway that results in students being recognized as “program completers.” This is a state recognized career pathway designation. NOHS FCS has two programs- [Education](#) and [FCS, General](#). Contact [johnstonsmithk@cvc colonials.org](mailto:johnstonsmithk@cvc colonials.org) for more information.

What classes should I take if I want to be a teacher?

- Child Development
- Preschool
- Advanced Preschool
- Educator Apprenticeship (can be taken 3 times)

Are there any classes where I get to work with younger kids?

Yes, after completing Child Development, the student can take Preschool where they teach 3-4-year-olds each day. During their 11-12 grade years, the student may take Educator Apprenticeship where they will assist in a K-8 grade classroom.

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If you are interested in learning more about the individual classes, check out this [document](#) that showcases each FCS course offered at NOHS.

[NOHS FCS Course Flowchart](#)