

EDCI 446  
Fall 2005

EDCI 446, Directed Observation for Family and Consumer Sciences. Sem. 1 and 2. Credit 1-4.

Description:

Designed to acquaint future teachers with responsibilities for organizing family and consumer sciences yearly programs and extension personnel with the array of extension responsibilities. Thirty-five hours of directed experience in approved school or extension setting needed for one credit.

Rationale:

Afford students with an intensive, first hand opportunity to observe the functions of family and consumer sciences classes and a family and consumer sciences department, within the context of the school. During observations completed over a period of several consecutive days, prospective teachers gain experience by interacting with students, teachers, and other school personnel. These experiences provide a realistic view of the day-to-day duties and responsibilities of teachers. In order to enhance awareness of diverse programs and settings, this experience should be completed in a school other than the student's home high school and preferably not the student teaching site.

Objectives:

1. Identify characteristics and needs of students.
2. Observe instruction and evaluation of students.
3. Work with students on an individual or small group basis.
4. Teach at least one thirty-minute lesson.
5. Become acquainted with the overall structure and management of the family and consumer sciences department.
6. Become informed about overall methods of planning activities and content for teaching specific subjects.