

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDY*

Introduction

Applicants for graduate study in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences must submit **two sets of application materials**: one to the University and the other to the FCS Department. Further, materials submitted to the FCS Department differ depending upon whether application is made to the M.A. degree program in Family and Consumer Sciences or the M.S. degree program in Nutritional Science.

Application to the University

Application must include the following materials: **

- 1) A University application form for graduate study for the appropriate year.
- 2) Official transcripts of all undergraduate or graduate coursework.
- 3) \$55.00 non-refundable application fee.

Address University application materials to:
Graduate Admissions
Office of Enrollment Services
California State University, Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840

Application to the Department

Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences

Master of Arts degree emphases are available in Fashion Merchandising and Design, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Consumer Affairs, and Hospitality Food Service and Hotel Management. Applications must include the following materials: ***

- 1) A photo copy of the University application form for graduate study for the appropriate year.
- 2) Three letters of recommendation (preferably two from previous instructors).
- 3) Official transcripts of your undergraduate degree and any graduate coursework. **(These are in addition to those transcripts required for general admission to California State University, Long Beach).**

- 4) Submission of official copy of Graduate Record Exam (GRE). A minimum score of 4 on the Analytical Writing section of the GRE is required and is acceptable substitution for passing the Writing Proficiency Exam/Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (WPE/GWAR). A combined minimum score of 900 is also required.
- 5) If appropriate a TOEFL score of 550 or more.

Master of Science in Nutritional Science

Master of Science degree emphases are available in Community Nutrition/Nutrition Therapy, Hospitality Foodservice and Hotel Management, and Food Science. Applications must include the following materials. ***

- 1) A photocopy of the University application form for graduate study for the appropriate year.
- 2) Three letters of recommendation (two of which must be from professionals familiar with your undergraduate course work; the third may be from another professor or may be from a member of the community familiar with your professional and intellectual qualities).
- 3) Official transcripts of all undergraduate work completed.
- 4) If appropriate, a TOEFL score of 550 or more.
- 5) A minimum score of 900 on the Verbal and Quantitative sections, and a minimum score of 4.0 on the Analytical Writing section of the general Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Submit Department application materials to the following address:

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Attn: Graduate Coordinator

California State University, Long Beach

1250 Bellflower Boulevard

Long Beach, CA 90840-0501

* Applications for fall semester are due no later than May 1st (or the first business day following) and applications for spring semester admissions will be due no later than November 1st (or the first business day following). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

** General University criteria include a completed application and a GPA of at least 2.5 (4.0 scale) for the last 60 units of upper division undergraduate coursework completed. All materials submitted must be official, original documents.

*** GPA requirements for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences are higher than general University requirements: a GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 is required for the last 60 units of upper division coursework. All materials submitted must be official, original documents.