

AAFCS Certifications for FACS Human Services Cluster

(Across-The-Board = Personal & Family Finance, open to additional course as assessments become available.)

Name and Description of Project:

The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) national organization is pleased to announce the Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) program, creating the premier family and consumer sciences pre-professional assessment and certification system in the nation. Pre-PAC utilizes the considerable grassroots network of AAFCS members, representing a broad range of business, industry, and education practice settings in collaboration with other stakeholders to develop and administer quality competency assessments and industry-recognized certifications for pre-professionals in family and consumer sciences careers. In addition to drawing heavily on business and industry input, Pre-PAC utilizes information from the National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Education and from the National Career Clusters initiative.

The Pre-PAC program includes assessments in the areas of Broad Field Family and Consumer Sciences; Culinary Arts; Early Childhood Education; Education Fundamentals; Family and Community Services; Fashion, Textiles and Apparel; Food Science Fundamentals; Housing and Home Furnishings; Interior Design Fundamentals; Nutrition, Food, and Wellness; Personal and Family Finance.

Major Activities:

Students will meet the eligibility requirements and complete competency requirements set by AAFCS to obtain the correlating certifications.

Performance Indicator:

Skill Attainment with certification

Measurement:

The success of this project will be measured by the number of students who successfully earn Certification.

Professional Development:

Teachers will attend professional development provided by DWE to implement this project.

Instructional Materials/Supplies:

Possible with justification and prior approval by FACS Program Manager

Equipment:

Possible with justification and prior approval by FACS Program Manager

<http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/PrePAC.asp>

The **American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)** and the **FCS Credentialing Center** proudly offers a *premier* national Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) program that is

Relevant
Reliable
Rigorous
Results-Oriented
Recognized

The Pre-PAC portfolio of standards-based assessments and industry-recognized certifications are designed to help satisfy the growing emphasis on

- assessment and accountability in secondary and postsecondary education, including requirements for Perkins funding for Career and Technical Education, and
- credentials as a human resource and quality control tool in employment settings throughout the career ladder.

Pre-PAC offers benefits to individuals, secondary and postsecondary education programs, employers, and community-based programs.

Individuals benefit by receiving:

- Immediate, individualized feedback upon completion of the assessment.
- Competency validation to document their knowledge and skills and to improve employability.
- Recognition and value through industry-recognized pre-professional certifications.
- An advantage in obtaining articulated credit or credit-by-exam at post-secondary institutions.

Secondary and Post-Secondary Education Programs benefit by having a reliable tool to:

- Measure the effectiveness of preparing individuals to meet rigorous content standards and current business and industry standards.
- Provide data to meet accountability requirements.
- Recognize the achievement of their students.
- Target instructional adjustments that are based on performance results for overall program improvement.

[Click here for a brief video to learn more about using Pre-PAC to meet Perkins Requirements](#)

Employers and Community-Based Programs benefit by gaining the ability to:

- Validate competencies required for employment at the pre-professional level.
- Recognize the achievement of their employees or clients.
- Enhance efforts to provide targeted staff development based on performance results.

[Click here for background information on the Pre-PAC program](#)

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