The HEALTH/FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES professional licensure program builds on the knowledge and pedagogical skills of the initial licensed health educator to increase expertise and proficiency in the Massachusetts Professional Standards for teachers, the National Health Education Standards and the American Association of Health Education/National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Standards.

Learning Outcomes — Our graduates are experts in health education content, able to conduct a needs assessment, plan and implement curriculum, advocate for health education, and serve as a resource to the school, students and their families, and the community.

Our students graduate with confidence in their ability to teach comprehensive skills-based health education as a component of coordinated school health. They know how to identify student risk factors and help young people reduce their risky behavior and improve their personal health and academic performance.

Careers — Graduates teach (preK-12) and work as health educators in many settings: local health departments, hospitals and clinics, business and industry. In colleges, they also teach courses and conduct research.

Admissions requirements:
- Bachelor’s degree and other general requirements (see Admission).
- Initial license in Health/Family & Consumer Sciences (all levels).
- Three full years teaching experience in the role of that license.

Satisfactory academic progress — All students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 or be placed on academic probation.

SEI Endorsement optional — Health, Family & Consumer Science students are not required by the Mass. DESE to be endorsed in Sheltered English Immersion. If you are interested becoming endorsed, Cambridge College offers SEI605.

Program and course schedule subject to change.

Further Massachusetts requirements for professional licensure
Students are responsible to meet the following requirements:
- A one year induction program with a trained mentor.
- Three full years of employment in the role of the license.
- 50-hour mentored experience beyond the induction year.

If you enter in the Spring or Summer
The program chair will assist you to:
- Take some courses (12 credits maximum, including other transfer credits, before program starts in the Fall), and
- Begin research for your Independent Learning Project.