

CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HOME ECONOMICS

Home economics prepares boys and girls for home making and other careers. Many employment opportunities are available for a home economist. It is good for one to discover his or her talent before taking up any employment.

A home economist can be employed in a hotel, bank, schools, colleges and universities, old people's homes, day care centres, textile industries, food industries, restaurants, research institutes, fashion centres, etc.

A. Career in foods and nutrition

- i. **Dietetics:** a dietitian works in hospitals helping with diets for the treatment and prevention of diseases.
- ii. **Nutrition:** a nutritionist works in health institutions to educate people on how to improve their health by eating good food.
- iii. **Catering:** a caterer is a commercial cook who cooks on a large scale for people in hospitals, schools, hotels, parties, etc
- iv. **Teaching:** this involves teaching subjects or course in foods and nutrition and related areas.
- v. **Food technology:** a food technologist applies the principles of foods, science and engineering in the development, processing, packaging and distribution of foods.

B. Career in clothing and textile

- i. **Designing;** he or she creates new designs on clothes.
- ii. **Pattern illustration:** illustrate patterns on paper.
- iii. **Beauty care and hair dressing**
- iv. **Dressmaking/tailoring**
- v. **Dry cleaning and laundering**
- vi. **Modeling**
- vii. **Weaving**
- viii. **Fabric dyeing**
- ix. **Teaching and research**

C. Career in Home management, family living and child development

- i. Interior decoration
- ii. Institutional housekeeping
- iii. Advertising and promoting
- iv. Child care
- v. Social welfare work

vi. Teaching and research.

D. Career in consumer education

A specialist in consumer education guides consumers of goods and services on how to spend their money wisely by buying goods and **services** that will give them good value for their money.

CAREER REQUIREMENTS IN HOME ECONOMICS

Some careers in Home Economics require special training after secondary school. Certain subjects are required to gain admission into tertiary institution to study any of the branches of Home Economics. Some of these subjects includes; biology, agricultural science, home physics, health sciences, etc

Degrees and certificates obtained from tertiary institutions

	CERTIFICATE	ABBREVIATION	TERTIARY INSTITUTION
1.	Doctor of philosophy	PhD	University
2.	Master of science/master of education.	MSc	University
3.	Bachelor of science/bachelor of education	BSc	University
4.	Higher National Diploma	HND	Polytechnics/Monotechnic
5.	National Certificate Of Education	NCE	College of Education
6.	Ordinary National Diploma	OND	Polytechnic/monotechnic

HOME ECONOMICS

1. List any four subjects that are often required for admission into Home Economics program of Higher Institution.
2. State any five careers in each of the following areas of Home Economics
 - i. Foods and Nutrition
 - ii. Clothing and Textile
 - iii. Home management, family living and child development