February 1914: The Department of Domestic Science and Domestic Art was established at Shepherd College.

1917-1918: The Department of Domestic Science and Domestic Art "came to the assistance of the times" during World War I.

1927: The home economics cottage (yellow house) was purchased from the Welzheimer estate. Home economics for the elementary school teacher was added to the curriculum.

1937-1940: The first electric stove and electric refrigerator were purchased for the department.

1942: In the fall home economics moved from the cottage and laboratory room located in the basement of Knutti to the new science building (Snyder Science Hall). The Home Economics Club started.

1949: Shepherd College was authorized to offer a bachelor of science degree in home economics.

1948: The Home Management House (current human resources building) was purchased.

1954: The stated purpose of home economics was to prepare students for careers teaching home economics, prepare dietitians, institutional managers, home demonstration agents, 4-H club leaders and home service supervisors, and to contribute to a student’s education for family living. The Home Management House was given to the program. It also housed the nursery school.

1961: Shepherd was authorized to train teachers in vocational home economics.

1971-72: The home economics program welcomed 35 freshman, making the total number of students 101.

1995: Home economics became family and consumer sciences. The catalog says the degree is a helping profession that includes many specialities, and that family and consumer scientists are employed by human service organizations, manufacturers, business, government, the cooperative extension service, and public agencies.

1997-1999: Family and consumer sciences becomes part of the Department of Business/Family and Consumer Sciences.

2014: Family and consumer sciences celebrates its 100th anniversary.