Human Services

Program of Study



HUMAN SERVICES Endorsement: Public Services



Human Services <u>Recommended Career Pathways</u>



To earn an endorsement, an MISD student must complete a coherent sequence for 4 or more credits that consist of 2 courses in the same program of study including at least 1 advanced CTE course

POS: Human Services

Principles of Human Services (Home Campus Only)







Prerequisite: None Course: 1505A/B

Credits: 1

Length: 36 weeks

Placement: 9-12

Course Description

Principles of Human Services is a laboratory course that will enable students to investigate careers in the Human Services Career Cluster, including counseling and mental health, early childhood development, family and community, personal care, and consumer services. Each student is expected to complete the knowledge and skills essential for success in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand human services careers.

Student Activities

The Human Services career cluster equips students with:

- core academic skills
- employability skills
- job specific technical skills

Child Development (Home Campus Only)





Prerequisite: None Course: 1520A/B

Credits: 1

Length: 36 weeks

Placement: 9-12

Course Description

This course addresses skills related to child growth and development from pregnancy through school-age. Students will identify healthy behaviors during pregnancy, understand the birthing process, and identify the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of children at various stages of life.

Student Activities

Students will have an opportunity to take home a mechanical baby to simulate the care of a newborn infant and create skits to act out parenting and child development scenarios.

Interpersonal Studies (Home Campus Only)



Prerequisite: None Course: 1517

Length: 18 weeks

Placement: 9-12

Course Description:

Credits: 0.5

Interpersonal studies examines how the relationship between individuals and among family members significantly affect the quality of life. Students use knowledge and skills in family studies and human development to enhance personal development, foster quality relationships, promote wellness of family members, manage multiple adult roles, and pursue careers related to counseling and mental health services.

Student Activities:

The Human Services career cluster equips students with the following knowledge and skills:

Career Development Adult Life Planning Establish healthy relationships Family structures & Dynamics Resources for Family Crisis

Dollars & Sense (Home Campus Only)





Prerequisite: None Course: 1220

Credits: 0.5

Length: 18 weeks

Placement: 10-12

Course Description

This laboratory course teaches students to make informed choices that promote sound financial decisions. Instruction addresses goal setting, household budgeting, banking including checking accounts, savings and savings accounts, credit and credit cards, insurance, investing and major purchases.

Student Activities

This course includes activities such as setting up and maintaining a household budget, comparing types of financial institutions and accounts, selecting and proper use of credit cards, maintaining a satisfactory credit history and score, choosing appropriate insurance, and planning major purchases.

Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness (Home Campus Only)



Prerequisite: None Course: 1513

Credits: 0.5

Length: 18 weeks

Placement: 9-12

Course Description

This laboratory course teaches students to make informed choices that promote nutrition and wellness throughout the life cycle. Instruction addresses nutritional needs of individuals, menu planning, special dietary needs, food costs and budgeting, food safety and sanitation procedures, food handling, and basic food preparation procedures.

Student Activities

This course includes body mass index calculations, height/weight measurements, and cooking labs that focus on healthy food preparation.

Counseling & Mental Health (Home Campus Only)



Prerequisite: Any Human Services courses equally 3 or more credits Course: 1514A/B Credits: 1 Length: 36 weeks Placement: 10-12

Course Description

Students will interact with each other through role play and modeling to understand the roles of counselor and client. Students will study the legal and ethical issues involved in the counseling field and the importance of professionalism and unconditional positive regard when dealing with clients who live with life changing mental health diagnoses.

Student Activities

Topics covered in this course:

- Study the language and vocabulary of counseling and mental health
- Research verbal and nonverbal communication skills
- Research career options and the preparation necessary for employment in mental health
- Study the ethical behavior standards and legal responsibilities related to mental health
- Students will learn how to maintain a safe environment to prevent hazardous situations including abuse