



Human Services Career Cluster

The Human Services career cluster focuses on preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs, such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care services, and consumer services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from community health workers to cosmetologists and nutritionists.

Statewide Program of Study: Health and Wellness

The Health and Wellness program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with promoting physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness. This program of study includes assisting patients in planning for their health and wellness, responding to crises, providing education or counseling, making referrals, and addressing barriers to accessing health and wellness services.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

- Level 1**
 - **Principles of Human Services (1 credit)**
 - 1505A/B; 9-12 grade
 - 2 semesters at Home Campus
 - **Dollars and Sense (.5 credit)**
 - 1220; 9-12 grade
 - 1 semester at Home Campus

- Level 2**
 - **Human Growth and Development (1 credit)**
 - 1537CT or 1537A/B; 10-12 grade
 - 1 semester at Ben Barber or 2 semesters at Home Campus
 - **Child Development (1 credit)**
 - 1520A/B; 10-12 grade
 - 2 semesters at Home Campus
 - **Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness (.5 credit)**
 - 1513; 9-12 grade
 - 1 semester at Home Campus
 - **Interpersonal Studies (.5 credit)**
 - 1517; 9-12 grade
 - 1 semester at Home Campus
 - **Entrepreneurship (1 credit)**
 - 1720CT or 1720A/B; 9-12 grade
 - 1 semester at Ben Barber or 2 semesters at Home Campus

- Level 3**
 - **Science of Nutrition (1 credit)**
 - 1527A/B; 10-12 grade
 - 2 semesters at Home Campus
 - *Prerequisite: Principles of Human Services OR Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness OR Human Growth and Development*
 - **Pre-Professional Certification in Nutrition, Food, and Wellness Possible**
 - **Family and Community Services (1 credit)**
 - 1518A/B; 11-12 grade
 - 2 semesters at Home Campus
 - *Prerequisite: Principles of Human Services*
 - **Community Health Worker Certification Possible**
 - **Counseling and Mental Health (1 credit)**
 - 1514A/B; 11-12 grade
 - 2 semesters at Home Campus
 - *Prerequisite: 2 credits from Level 1 or Level 2 courses in Family and Community Service Program of Study*

- Level 4**
 - **Practicum in Human Services (2 credits)**
 - 1526CA/CB; 11-12 grade
 - 2 semesters at Ben Barber
 - *Prerequisite: Complete a Level 1 or 2 AND Level 3 course; Selection Process*



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Community Health Worker Apprentice

Associate Degrees

- Social Work
- Community Health Services Counseling

Bachelor's Degrees

- Social Work
- Mental Health Counseling

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Nutrition Sciences
- Dietetics

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Dietician



Example Aligned Occupations

Community Health Workers

Median Wage: \$39,520
 Annual Openings: 501
 10-Year Growth: 25%

Dietetic Technician

Median Wage: \$28,919
 Annual Openings: 160
 10-Year Growth: 18%

Dietitians and Nutritionists

Median Wage: \$63,687
 Annual Openings: 475
 10-Year Growth: 21%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



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