



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: Family and Community Services

The Family and Community Services program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with social services, including child and human development and consumer sciences. This program of study includes managing social and community services, managing family and consumer sciences, and understanding career paths in social work or therapy for children, families, or school communities.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

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| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Human Services (1 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1505A/B; 9-12 grade • 2 semesters at Home Campus • Professional Communications (.5 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2246; 9-12 grade • 1 semester at Home Campus • Dollars and Sense (.5 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1220; 9-12 grade • 1 semester at Home Campus |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Growth and Development (1 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1537CT or 1537A/B; 10-12 grade • 1 semester at Ben Barber or 2 semesters at Home Campus • Child Development (1 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1520A/B; 10-12 grade • 2 semesters at Home Campus • Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness (.5 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1513; 9-12 grade • 1 semester at Home Campus • Interpersonal Studies (.5 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1517; 9-12 grade • 1 semester at Home Campus • Entrepreneurship (1 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1720CT or 1720A/B; 9-12 grade • 1 semester at Ben Barber or 2 semesters at Home Campus |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and Community Services (1 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1518A/B; 11-12 grade • 2 semesters at Home Campus • <i>Prerequisite: Principles of Human Services</i> • Community Health Worker Certification Possible • Counseling and Mental Health (1 credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1514A/B; 11-12 grade • 2 semesters at Home Campus • <i>Prerequisite: 2 credits from Level 1 or Level 2 courses in Family and Community Service Program of Study</i> |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicum in Human Services (2 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1526CA/CB; 11-12 grade • 2 semesters at Ben Barber • <i>Prerequisite: Complete a Level 1 or 2 AND Level 3 course; Selection Process</i> |



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Community Health Worker Apprentice



Associate Degrees

- Social Work
- Human Development and Family Studies

Bachelor's Degrees

- Social Work
- Human Development and Family Studies

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Mental Health Counseling
- Marriage and Family Therapy

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Certified Diabetes Educator



Example Aligned Occupations

Community Health Workers

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

Social and Human Service Assistants

Median Wage: \$38,442
Annual Openings: 3,298
10-Year Growth: 21%

Child, Family, and School Social Workers

Median Wage: \$49,398
Annual Openings: 2,342
10-Year Growth: 14%

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



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<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study-additional-resources>