



# 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.

## Big Spring High School 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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| <b>Level 1</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Communications</li> <li>Dollars and Sense</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Level 2</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Growth and Development</li> <li>Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness</li> <li>Interpersonal Studies</li> <li>Entrepreneurship I (SY 2025-2026)</li> </ul>               |
| <b>Level 3</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family and Community Services</li> <li>Counseling and Mental Health</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Level 4</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career and Technical Education Project-Based Capstone</li> <li>Practicum in Entrepreneurship (SY 2025-2026)</li> <li>Career Preparation for Programs of Study</li> </ul> |

### Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

**Dual Credit** Dual credit offerings will vary by local educational agency.

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

**Work-Based Learning Activities**

- Participate in a community health worker apprenticeship at a community health center
- Shadow a social worker in a community non-profit organization to learn about providing social and community services

**Expanded Learning Opportunities**

- Participate in FCCLA

### Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Community Health Worker



### 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.



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



# Human Services Career Cluster

Statewide Program of Study: *Family and Community Services*

## Course Information

Level 1

Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
<b>Professional Communications</b> 13009900 (0.5 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
<b>Dollars and Sense*</b> 13024300 (0.5 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Human Services <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	

Level 2

Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
<b>Human Growth and Development*</b> 13014300 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Education and Training or Principles of Human Services <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
<b>Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness*</b> 13024500 (0.5 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Human Services, Principles of Hospitality and Tourism, or Principles of Health Science <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
<b>Interpersonal Studies*</b> 13024400 (0.5 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Human Services, Principles of Hospitality and Tourism, Principles of Health Science, or Principles of Education and Training <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
<b>Entrepreneurship I*</b> 13011101 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	

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\* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.

For additional information on the **Human Services** career cluster, contact [cte@tea.texas.gov](mailto:cte@tea.texas.gov) or visit <https://tea.texas.gov/cte>



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Statewide Program of Study: Family and Community Services

## Course Information

Level 3

Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
<b>Family and Community Services*</b> 13024900 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Human Services <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
<b>Counseling and Mental Health*</b> 13024600 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Human Services <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	

Level 4

Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
<b>Career and Technical Education Project-Based Capstone</b> First-Time Taken: 12701101 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
<b>Practicum in Entrepreneurship*</b> First Time Taken: 13011111 (2 credits)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Entrepreneurship I and Entrepreneurship II or successful completion of at least two courses in a CTE program of study <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
<b>Career Preparation for Programs of Study*</b> First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> At least one Level 2 or higher CTE program of study <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	

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