



Sault Area Public Schools
A Great Place to Learn



HUMAN SERVICES

PATHWAY

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING

Pathway to Success

Human Services



A career in Human Services offers the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on individuals and communities through support, advocacy, and care. With a wide range of pathways—from social work and counseling to community outreach and family services—this field blends compassion, communication, and problem-solving to improve lives and promote well-being.

Career Options

Explore and discover potential career options in the fields related to Human Services.

Degree, Certification, and Training Options

Explore the degrees, certifications and training options that are available to help you be successful in the fields related to human services.

Course/CTE Options

Explore the course and program options that are available to students while still in high school to help them prepare for a career in human services.

Resume Builders

Explore the possible experiences that will help build a strong resume.

Career Options

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There are several ways to start a career in Human Services. On-the-job training offers a quick entry point, while certifications can be earned in a few months to a year. A college degree, typically 2 to 6 years, opens doors to more advanced roles. Below are examples for each pathway.

01 Jobs That Require On-The-Job Training

- Salon Assistant
 - Spray Tan Assistant
 - Salon Receptionist
 - Freelance Makeup Artist
 - Shampoo Technician
 - Victim Advocate
 - Crisis Support Line Worker
 - Youth Program Assistant
 - Job coach
 - Shelter Aide
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02 Jobs that Require a Certification

- Cosmetologist
 - Nail Technician
 - Esthetician
 - Massage Therapist
 - Permanent Makeup Artist
 - Social Services Assistant
 - Addiction Counselor
 - Cultural Liaison/Community Member
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03 Jobs That Require A Degree

- Social Worker
- Youth Program Director
- School Counselor
- Case Worker
- Foster Care Worker



Finding On-The-Job Training

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On-the-job training is a great way to begin a career in Human Services. Whether you're interested in working with people through community programs, youth services, shelters, or in personal care roles like hairstyling, nail care, and esthetics, many employers provide hands-on training to help you learn while you work. This type of training builds real-world experience from day one and is often tailored to the specific job.

Resources

Michigan Works

Michigan Works has resources that can help locate available jobs and aide in your necessary training.

1118 East Easterday Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Phone: (906) 635-1752

Fax: (906) 635-0115

Michigan Relay Center 711

Monday through Friday: 8-5 EST

Indeed

Indeed is a great tool to search for available jobs in your area.

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Obtaining a Certificate

Certificate Programs

Douglas J Aveda Institute

[Cosmetology - Certificate](#)

[Esthiology - Certificate](#)

[Massage - Certificate](#)

Lansing Community College

[Human Services - Certificate](#)

Oakland Community College

[Addiction Studies - Certificate](#)

Gogebic Community College

[Cosmetology - Certificate](#)

Certificate programs in Human Services offer specialized training that can be completed in a few months to a year. These programs provide valuable skills and credentials that can help advance your career in social services and support roles. You can find certificate programs at community colleges, technical schools, and online platforms. Many industry organizations also offer certification programs in areas such as counseling, social work, and case management. To explore options, check with local educational institutions, online course providers, or professional associations related to human services.

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Obtaining a Degree

Bachelor/Associate Degrees

Lake Superior State University

[Social Work - Associate](#)

[Substance Abuse Prevention - Associate](#)

Central Michigan University

[Family Studies - Bachelor](#)

[Youth Studies - Bachelor](#)

[Social Work - Bachelor](#)

Gogebic Community College

[Social Work - Associates](#)

Degree programs in Human Services provide in-depth knowledge and training, typically taking four to six years to complete. These programs cover a wide range of topics, from social work and counseling to human behavior and community support, and can open doors to advanced career opportunities in social services. You can find degree programs at universities, colleges, and specialized institutions, both on-campus and online. Many schools offer bachelor's and master's degrees in fields like social work, human services, and counseling. To explore options, visit university websites, consult with academic advisors, or research programs through professional organizations in human services.

Courses/CTE Options

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Plan your schedule with your future goals in mind by exploring common courses, AP courses, CTE programs, and opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school.



Sault High Courses

- Career Readiness
- Peer Mentoring
- World Language



AP Courses

- AP PSychology



CTE Programs

Sault Area Career Center does not currently offer a CTE program for this cluster, however you can speak with the CTE director, Kellie Greener for WBL and Less-than-class-size opportunities.



Dual/Concurrent Enrollment

- Related options can be talked about with your Counselor or visits the information page [HERE](#).

See Sault High School Full [Course Offerings](#).

Resume Builders

Job Shadow Experiences

Students who engage in job shadow experiences show proven interest in their future and dedication to their success. If you have questions about job shadowing or want help finding an opportunity, contact the MTSS Coordinator.

Intern/Externships

Internships and externships provide valuable opportunities for high school students to gain real-world experience, develop new skills, and explore potential career paths. These experiences can significantly benefit students, both professionally and personally.

Leadership Positions

Holding Leadership Positions shows dedication and passion by the student. It also can be a look into the students hobbies.

Student Organizations

Joining Student Organizations shows a balance in priorities. Please see the Sault Ste Marie **Student Organizations** to find an organization to join!

Volunteer Experiences

Volunteering is a great way to get experience and explore post-secondary options.
