



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

Level 1 • Principles of Human Services

Level 2 • Child Development
• Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness

Level 3 • Family and Community Services

Level 4 • Career and Technical Education Project-Based Capstone
• Practicum in Human Services

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.



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