



Human Services Careers

Careers in the human services career cluster all involve taking care of people's needs. If you like working with people, young or old, there is a career in human services that can use your talents. Occupations in human services range from child care workers at your local day care center to funeral director.

When discussing occupations in this cluster, it is helpful to use groupings of similar occupations. Here are five major groups within the human services category and examples of jobs found in each.

Group	Sample Occupation(s)
Consumer Services	Loan Counselor
Counseling and Mental Health Services	Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Rehab Counselor, Social Worker
Early Childhood Development and Services	Child Care Worker
Family and Community Services	Director of Religious Activities and Education, Clergy
Personal Care Services	Funeral Director, Cosmetologist, Fitness Trainer and Aerobics Instructor, Tailor

Working conditions, education and training requirements, and salaries vary considerably for those employed in human services jobs. In general, the careers that pay the most are those requiring more education or advanced training or certifications. The good news is that you can earn some certificates while you are still in high school. Certifications offered vary by school district, but in Texas, high school certifications can include Child Development Associate, Education Aide I, Cosmetology Operators License, and ServSafe Certification.

So where do you go to learn more about specific occupations in this career cluster? Try the internet. You can find lots of good information there. Also, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board has developed a couple of resources for career planning. One is a "*Focus On*" series of short profiles of high growth industries and occupations in demand in the Gulf Coast region. They are designed to help students and parents plan for the future, <http://www.wrksolutions.com/jobs/focuson.html>. Also check out the Texas Education Agency's *Achieve Texas* site, <http://www.achievetexas.org>, which provides information and suggested courses of study for specific occupations. Finally, know that the U.S. Department of Labor has lots of great career information, including short videos illustrating what different jobs are really like, www.careervoyages.gov.

For more specific information on the local market for business, management and administration, check out the following chart. It will tell you how many people are employed in different jobs and the wages people can expect to earn in these jobs.

Upper Texas Gulf Coast Region

SOC ¹	Human Services Cluster Occupational Title	Annual Average Employment 2006	Percent Growth 2006-2016	Total Annual Average Job Openings ²	2007 Hourly Wages
<u>Short-term on-the-job training(Less than 1 month)</u>					
39-9011	Child Care Workers	42,600	31.0%	2,545	\$7.65
39-9021	Personal and Home Care Aides	23,400	56.6%	1,720	\$6.91
39-9041	Residential Advisors	750	26.7%	40	\$11.68
39-3093	Locker Room, Coatroom, and Dressing Room Attendants	350	28.6%	25	\$9.07
39-4021	Funeral Attendants	600	16.7%	25	\$10.35
39-5093	Shampooers	500	20.0%	15	\$7.41
51-6021	Pressers, Textile, Garment, and Related Materials	1,850	-2.7%	15	\$8.32
39-3092	Costume Attendants	50	0.0%	0	\$10.29
<u>Moderate-term on-the-job training (1 - 12 months)</u>					
51-6011	Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	4,100	12.2%	145	\$7.88
21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants	3,300	19.7%	105	\$13.52
<u>Long-term on-the-job training (More than 12 months)</u>					
51-6052	Tailors, Dressmakers, and Custom Sewers	800	25.0%	35	\$12.50
<u>Work experience in a related occupation</u>					
39-1021	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Personal Service Workers	3,300	18.2%	130	\$16.72
<u>Postsecondary vocational training</u>					
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	9,350	21.9%	320	\$10.89
39-9031	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	2,700	29.6%	130	\$13.98
31-9011	Massage Therapists	2,100	23.8%	70	\$15.24
39-5092	Manicurists and Pedicurists	1,100	36.4%	55	\$10.24
39-5011	Barbers	1,050	14.3%	30	
39-5094	Skin Care Specialists	550	45.5%	30	\$13.43
39-4011	Embalmers	150	33.3%	10	\$15.57
<u>Associate degree</u>					
11-9061	Funeral Directors	400	25.0%	15	\$21.61
<u>Bachelor's degree</u>					
11-9141	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	10,950	12.3%	285	\$21.06
21-1021	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	2,900	24.1%	135	\$16.26
21-1022	Medical and Public Health Social Workers	1,700	32.4%	90	\$23.05
21-2021	Directors, Religious Activities and Education	1,950	15.4%	80	\$26.99
11-9151	Social and Community Service Managers	1,500	26.7%	70	\$25.06
21-1011	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	600	41.7%	35	\$16.00
21-1099	Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	600	33.3%	25	\$16.74
13-2071	Loan Counselors	850	11.8%	20	\$17.73

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<u>Master's degree</u>					
21-2011	Clergy	10,450	16.3%	310	\$17.02
21-1019	Counselors, All Other	1,350	40.7%	80	\$25.27
21-1014	Mental Health Counselors	600	33.3%	30	\$19.63
21-1015	Rehabilitation Counselors	700	21.4%	30	\$16.49
19-3099	Social Scientists and Related Workers, All Other	250	20.0%	10	\$37.03
21-1013	Marriage and Family Therapists	100	50.0%	5	
19-3041	Sociologists	50	0.0%	0	\$21.24

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and Texas Workforce Commission

¹ Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Codes refer to a standardized coding system to categorize occupations. To find out more about an occupation, you can go to <http://online.onetcenter.org/find/>, enter the SOC code, and look at a complete description of an occupation.

² Total average openings include total job openings due to both growth and replacements. Job openings due to growth are created by increases in the total number of people employed in an occupation. Job openings due to net replacement estimate the need in existing jobs as workers vacate, change jobs, or leave the labor force.



Human Services Plan of Study

Recommended Plan _____

Distinguished Achievement Plan _____

Learner Name _____

Date _____

Learner Signature _____

Advisor Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

High School Graduation Plan	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
	English I	English II	English III	English IV
	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Math Elective
	Biology I	IPC or Chemistry	Chemistry or Physics	Science Elective - Lab-based
	World Geography	World History	US History	Economics/Government
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Human Services Career Cluster Elective Courses approved by the Texas Education Agency are Listed on Page 5.

This plan of study should serve as a guide. Courses listed within this plan are only recommended coursework and should be individualized to meet each learner's educational and career goals.



Human Services Career Cluster Career Elective Courses

Apparel	Textile and Apparel Production, Management, and Services
Career Studies	
Consumer and Family Economics	
Cosmetology I	
Cosmetology II	
Family and Career Management	
Family and Consumer Sciences Production, Management and Services	
Food Science and Technology	
Housing	
Housing, Furnishings, and Equipment Production, Management and Services	
Independent Study in Family and Consumer Sciences Education	
Individual and Family Life	
Introduction to Cosmetology	
Management	
Nutrition and Food Science	
Personal and Family Development	
Preparation for Parenting	
Services for Older Adults	