

Career Cluster: Human Services



This Cluster prepares students for careers that improve quality of life and promotes safe, health communities. Workers in human services better our lives by tending to our psychological, social, and physical needs. Social service organizations that help individuals with basic needs, such as housing, health, and nutrition constitutes a large component of this cluster.

Pathway Descriptions

Consumer Services workers assist individuals with decisions and problems relating to finance, real estate, insurance, and consumer goods.

Counseling and Mental Health Services workers assist people with personal, family, education, mental health, and career decisions and problems. Mental health care may be provided in hospitals, clinics, schools, or private settings.

Early Childhood Development and Services workers nurture and teach children. They provide services in childcare centers, nursery schools, preschools, public schools, private households, family childcare homes, and before- and after-school programs.

Family and Community Services workers help the homeless, housebound, and infirm cope with circumstances of daily living; counsel troubled and emotionally disturbed individuals; train or retrain the unemployed or underemployed; care for the elderly and the physically and mentally disabled; help the needy obtain financial assistance; and solicit contributions for various social services organizations.

Personal Care Services workers assist individuals with their personal appearance, including shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair; giving manicures, pedicures, and scalp, and facial treatments; providing makeup analysis; cleaning and styling wigs and hairpieces; and providing personal fitness training. Also, within personal care services, funeral directors and attendants make funeral arrangements for grieving families.

Preparation for a Career in this Cluster Includes...

Nebraska Career Education Coursework

- Intro to Human Services & Resources
- Life & Career Essentials
- Clothing & Textiles
- Fashion Design
- Housing/Home Furnishings
- Elder Care
- Human Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Nutrition & Food
- Childcare/Parenting

Extended Learning

- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Peer Mediation
- Serve as Mentor or Tutor
- Other Organizations that have a Strong Community Service Component
- Scouting Organizations
- Teach Religious Classes
- Volunteer in Soup Kitchens or Food Pantries
- Work with Individuals who are Aged or Disabled
- 4-H Family Life Programs
- Job shadow professionals
- Participate in internships
- Secure part-time employment
- Volunteer in this career area

For additional Career Cluster Information visit: www.nebraskacareerconnections.org.

Postsecondary Options: Human Services

Students preparing for a career in the Human Services Career Cluster have a variety of postsecondary options. They can enter programs leading to a certificate or a degree at the associate, baccalaureate, or advanced degree level. The table below shows examples of postsecondary Human Services programs of study organized by pathway.

	High School Diploma On-the-Job Training	Certificate/License	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's/Doctoral Professional Degree
Consumer Services	Call Center Customer Service	Certified Financial Planner Wellness		Family Science Family Financial Management Human Sciences Business Administration	Family Science Human Sciences Business Administration
Counseling & Mental Health Services			Human Services Chemical Dependency Counselor	Human Services Psychology Social Work Human and Social Services Administration	Marriage and Family Therapy Psychology Social Work Community Counseling
Early Childhood Development & Services		Nanny Parenting	Early Childhood Education	Family Science Special Education and Communication Disorders	Child Development Early Childhood Education Special Education and Communication Disorders
Family & Community Services		Para-educator Family Life Specialist Spirituality Biblical Studies	Human Services Theology	Human Services Psychology Nutrition, Fitness, and Health Promotion Gerontology Family Science Social Work	Family Science Psychology Social Work Human Services
Personal Care Services		Barbering Cosmetology Nail Technology Esthetics Massage Therapy	Mortuary Science Cosmetology	Pre-Mortuary Sciences	

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