Human and Social Sciences

Human Services

JOB OUTLOOK

The human services sector is projected to have faster-than-average growth through 2028. One driving factor in this growth is the aging population's increased need for social services such as meal delivery and adult daycare. Another factor influencing this positive job outlook is addiction treatment. As more people seek treatment for their addictions and offenders are sentenced to treatment programs, the need for human services providers increases.



OCCUPATION PROFILE

Human Services workers support people and assist them with accessing physical, social, and emotional care. These five careers are an integral part of the human services industry. Clinical/school counselors and marriage/family therapists support mental health and relationships. Substance abuse counselors and mental health social workers typically support clients with addiction issues, and healthcare social workers help patients transition from in-patient care to out-patient care.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDER COUNSELORS

Median Salary: \$36,290

2018 ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT 3,786

2028 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT 5,095

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CHANGE 1,309

HEALTHCARE SOCIAL WORKER

Median Salary: \$40,010

2018 ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT 3,577

2028 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT4,146

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CHANGE 569

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST

Median Salary: \$37,740

2018 ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT601

2028 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT 760

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CHANGE 159

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SOCIAL WORKER

Median Salary: \$36,850

2018 ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT 1,829

2028 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT2,326

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CHANGE 497

CLINICAL, COUNSELING, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Median Salary: \$70,140

2018 ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT 2,647

2028 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT 3,064

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CHANGE 417

PROGRAM OF STUDY PROFILE

Social health services focuses on the skills and knowledge needed for occupations that support the everyday functioning of society. In this program of study, students investigate human needs and their impact on lifespan development, the human and social services fields, communication skills, and the inherent characteristics of the modern family.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS

	Introduction to Human Studies	Lifespan Development	Family Studies	Human Services Practicum
2017-18	7,494	4,248	3,126	276
2018-19	6,581	3,531	2,260	191
2019-20	6,449	3,157	2,393	256

CAREER PATHWAY

Early & Middle Grade Opportunities

 Career Exploration Introduction to Social Health

Secondary Grade Opportunities

- Human Studie
- Lifespan
- Development
- Human Service:
- CTSO
- Work-based Learning

Postsecondary Opportunities

Certificate: Tennessee Specific Industry Certification - Human and Social Science Registered Behavior Technician Associates Degree: A.A.S. Early Childhood Education A.S.T. Associate of Science in Teaching K-6 Elementary Education & Early Childhood Education Bachelor's degree: Majors vary

Career Opportunities

- Substance Abuse and Behaviora Disorder Counselors
- Healthcare Social Worker
- Marriage & Family Therapis
- Mental Health & Substance
 Abuse Social Worker
- Clinical, Counseling, School Psychologist