

# Human Services

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## What We Do

The Human Services Program prepares students for employment in careers that relate to families and human needs including education, counseling, mental health services, family and financial planning, and personal care services. Students who participate in this program will develop academic, problem solving, workplace, citizenship, ethics, and leadership skills.

## Career Opportunities

Early Childhood Development/Services  
School Counselor  
Elementary/Pre-School Teacher  
Childcare Facilities Director  
Counseling and Mental Health Services  
Sociologist  
Substance Abuse Counselor  
Employment Counselor  
Family and Community Service  
Coordinator of Volunteers  
Religious Leader  
Human Service Worker

## Average Salary

Elderly Caregiver \$22,200  
Elderly Activity Director \$38,700  
Kindergarten or Elementary School Teacher \$53,090  
PreSchool Teacher \$27,130  
Special Education Teacher \$55,065  
Teacher Assistant \$23,640  
Mental Health Counselor \$41,500  
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialist \$48,190  
Social/Human Services Assistant \$28,850  
Substance Abuse Counselor \$38,520  
Career/Tech Education Instructor \$45,000 to \$70,000

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## Opportunities

Successful students in this program have these academic opportunities available to them.

- **Dual Enrollment through the Community College of Vermont**  
Students have the opportunity to gain credit in 2 of the following courses...
  - \* Workplace Communication in Early Childhood Education (4 credits)
  - \* Infant/Toddler Development (3 credits)
  - \* Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits)
  - \* Human Growth and Development (3 credits)
- **Child Development Associate Certification (CDA)** (students have the opportunity to earn the academic portion of this certification).
- **Community First Aid Certification (CFA-ARC)**
- **CPR, Child, Infant and Adult Certification (CPR-ARC)**

## Embedded Academic Credit Areas

For a student who successfully completes this program, the Vermont Agency of Education provides for the following credits. Additional academic credit may be available based on sending school policies.

- 1 Social Studies Credit
- 5 Elective Credits

## Textbooks

Human Services Students use these industry-recognized texts, although others may also be used throughout the year.

- Life Span Development- Sharleen L Kato
- Contemporary Living- Verdene Ryder

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## Recommended Reading Level

Textbooks and the majority of class texts in this course are written at the following grade level. The first number correlates to the grade level and the decimal refers to the monthly progress throughout the year. For example, an 11.3 would translate to an "11th grade reading level, approximately 3 months into the school year."

- 9.2 (Life Span Development)
- 9.0 (Contemporary Living)

## Recommended Math Skills

Successful students in this program should expect to master these math skills. Previous preparation and training in these areas are critical for academic success in this program.

- Conversions
- Statistics
- Financial literacy
- Basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)

## CVCC Safety Exams

Every CVCC Program begins their year with a Safety Exam. Students are required to pass these safety exams before they can participate in program lab settings. For more information about these exams, contact the CVCC Guidance Coordinator.

- American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Certification
- Fire Extinguisher Safety with Vermont Fire Extinguishers Inc.

