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Human Services Specialist

Associate of Applied Science Degree

The Human Services Specialist program is designed to provide students with the appropriate knowledge and skills necessary to become competent in working with many human service agencies in the areas of mental health, aging, child care, homelessness, disabilities, poverty and drug abuse counseling.

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How much can I earn?

Tennessee Annual Salary

\$16,610–\$30,430*

*Wages and salary data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Tennessee Department of Labor

What will I do on the job?

Human services specialists help social workers, health care workers, and other professionals provide services to people. They usually work under the direction of workers from a variety of fields, such as nursing, psychiatry, psychology, rehabilitative or physical therapy or social work. Human service specialists provide services to clients to help them improve their quality of life. They assess client needs, investigate their eligibility for benefits and services such as food stamps, Medicaid, or welfare and help to obtain them.

What skills will I use on the job?

You will need compassion, patience and good communication skills. You will be helping people from various and diverse backgrounds who face challenges. Working with a team is important, as is being motivated while working independently.

Possible job titles:

Mental health technician, youth worker, social services delivery worker, child care specialist, family services advocate, psychiatric technician, drug abuse counselor, adolescent counseling assistant, customer service representative.

Who will hire me?

Health care and social assistance industries, state and local governments, public welfare agencies and facilities for mentally disabled and developmentally challenged individuals.

Graduates work for such organizations as:

CADAS
Parkridge Valley Hospital
Childcare Facility
City of Chattanooga
AIM Center