

## Human Services Specialist

### Associate of Applied Science Degree

#### Program Overview:

The Human Service 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.

#### How Much Can I Earn?

\$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 to 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 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, primarily in public welfare agencies and facilities for mentally disabled and developmentally challenged individuals.

Chattanooga State graduates work with such organizations as: CADAS, Parkridge Valley Hospital, Childcare Facility, City of Chattanooga, AIM Center.

#### Need More Information?

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