

Family and Community Services

Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

Family and Community Services is a high school semester-long course that introduces applications within professions related to family and community services. Students identify degree and credential requirements for occupations in this pathway and identify individual, social, historical, economic, and cultural context to increase awareness of family and community services. Students develop the abilities necessary to evaluate and identify a range of effective communication strategies and skills for establishing a collaborative relationship with others. Students also complete a variety of projects to apply their skills and knowledge. Units are divided among career fields: Social Workers, Emergency Management and Planners, Therapists and Treatment Specialists, Education and Childcare.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Identify family and community services occupations, and their educational and skill requirements
- Address types of careers, such as clinical, child and family, and health care
- Discuss educational and certification requirements, necessary skills, workplace settings, and job roles
- Examine the goals of social workers, therapists, and correctional treatment specialists
- Provide examples of duties and responsibilities of educators and childcare specialists
- Explore the roles and requirements of managers, planning aides, and eligibility interviewers

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

| Grading Category | Weight |
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| Lesson Quizzes | 20% |
| Unit Tests | 20% |
| Cumulative Exams | 20% |
| Assignments | 10% |
| Projects | 30% |
| Additional | 0% |

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** Introduction to Family and Community Services
- Unit 2:** Social Workers
- Unit 3:** Management and Planners
- Unit 4:** Therapists and Treatments Specialists
- Unit 5:** Education and Child Care