People with careers in Family and Community Services counsel troubled and emotionally disturbed individuals; train or retrain the unemployed; care for the elderly and the physically and mentally disabled; assist with the needy in obtaining financial assistance; and solicit contributions for various social services organizations.

**Major Courses**

Students must take THREE pathway concentration courses and ONE additional pathway elective course.

**Pathway Concentration Courses (3):**
- Advanced Family Services*
- Family Services
- Foundations of Family & Consumer Science
- Introduction to Early Childhood Care & Education (formerly Early Childhood Education I)

**Pathway Elective Courses (1):**
- Apprenticeship/Internship
- Food, Nutrition & Wellness (formerly Nutrition and Wellness)
- Health, Safety & Nutrition for the Young Child * (formerly Early Childhood Education II)
- Human Growth & Development for Early Childhood
- Introduction to Healthcare Science
- Other Pathway Concentration Course

**Other Recommended Courses**

- Comparative Religions
- Modern Language
- Peer Leadership
- Psychology
- Sociology

**Post-Secondary Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates**

**Technical Colleges**
- Human Resource Specialist
- Social Services Case Management

**Colleges/Universities**
- Counseling
- Counseling Psychology
- Education Counseling/Guidance
- Occupational Therapy
- Recreation Administration
- Rehabilitation Therapy/Counseling

**EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK**

Family and Community Services employees hold about 2.2 million jobs. Some of the fastest-growing occupations in the nation are in social services, especially those that involve working with the elderly. Job opportunities in social services should be numerous through the year 2010.