

Mental Health

Career Goal (O*NET Code): Psychiatrist (29-1066), Psychologist (19-3030, Social Worker (29-1020).

Cluster Overview: The Health Science Cluster focuses on careers in planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

SUGGESTED COURSEWORK

EXTENDED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

High School	9th	Core Courses:	English I Algebra I Biology	World Geography Languages other than English I Health/PE or Equivalent	Curricular Experiences: Health Occupations Students of America	Extracurricular Experiences: Peer Mentoring Peer Mediation			
		Career-Related Electives:	Introduction to Health Science Technology AND Medical Terminology						
	10th	Core Courses:	English II Geometry Chemistry	World History Languages other than English II Technology Applications					
		Career-Related Electives:	Health Science Technology I***						
	11th	Core Courses:	English III Algebra II Physics	United States History Communication Applications PE or Equivalent			Career Learning Experiences: Career Preparation (Paid/Unpaid) Job Shadowing Internship	Service Learning Experiences: Community Service Volunteer	
		Career-Related Electives:	Health Science Technology II* or Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems or Psychology or Languages other than English III						
	12th	Core Courses:	English IV AP Statistics Scientific Research and Design	Government/Economics Fine Arts					
		Career-Related Electives:	Health Science Technology III* or Mental Health or Gerontology or Sociology or Languages other than English IV						
Postsecondary	On-the-Job Training				Professional Associations: American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy American Counseling Association National Association of Psychologists Child Life Council Texas Counseling Association American Psychological Association National Rehabilitation Counseling Association National Association of Social Workers American Society of Addiction Medicine				
	Certificates	Mental Health Aide Psychiatric Aide	OSHA CareerSafe	Career Options: Mental Health Aide Psychiatric Aide					
	Associate's Degrees	Nursing Child Development	Human Services	Career Options: Human Services Aide Assistant Activities Director Child Life Assistant					
	Bachelor's Degrees	Nursing Psychology Social Work	Child Life Specialist Recreational Therapy	Career Options: Counseling Aide Social Worker Child Life Specialist Activities Director					
	Graduate Degrees	Doctor of Medicine Psychology Social Work	Nursing Counseling	Career Options: Psychiatrist Psychologist Durg Abuse Counselor Rehabilitation Counselor Substance Abuse Counselor					

* May substitute for the required credit for Physical Education
 ** Satisfies the required credit for Technology Applications
 *** May substitute for the required credit for Health Education

Students should take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), dual credit, Advanced Technical Credit (ATC), or local articulated courses, if possible.

This plan of study serves as a guide, along with other career planning materials, for pursuing a career path and is based on the most recent information as of 2007. All plans should meet high school graduation requirements as well as college entrance requirements. Students may select other elective courses for personal enrichment purposes.