

# Counseling and Human Services



## School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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### Overview:

A Human Services degree prepares students for a broad range of careers in helping those in need. This field will enable the learner to understand how a wide variety of people—from individuals and families and from infants and families—develop and function. Common specialties within the field include addictions counseling, administration of programs for children, and human services administration. credentials.

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### Acquired Skills **MOST** Valued by Employers:

- Analyze Problems/Develop Solutions Related to Counseling and Human Services
  - Exhibit Culturally Sensitive Behavior
  - Utilize Interpersonal Skills
  - Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
  - Oral/Written Communications
  - Teamwork/Collaboration
  - Digital Technology
  - Leadership
  - Professionalism/Work Ethic
  - Career Management
  - Global/Intercultural Fluency
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### Common Pathways:

- Community service coordinator
- Early intervention specialist
- Child welfare worker
- Mental health worker
- Social case worker
- Patient relation representative
- Client advocate
- Group home worker
- Youth group worker
- Health educator
- Youth outreach educator
- Gerontology Aide
- Vocational rehabilitation counselor
- Child development specialist

*Please note that some of these pathways require an advanced post bachelor's degree*

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### Common Industries:

- Social services
  - Corrections/law
  - Child welfare
  - Rehabilitation and treatment
  - Government
  - Education
  - Community based organizations
  - Non-profit
  - Healthcare
  - Business and industry
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### Sample of Employers of Stevenson University students:

- Catholic Charities
- Kennedy Krieger
- Office of the Public Defender
- Trellis Services
- John Hopkins School of Medicine
- Target Communities, Inc.
- State of Maryland
- Teach for America
- Service Coordination, Inc.
- Abilities Network

- Maryland Pediatric Group
- State Department of Assessments

**Internship Sites for Stevenson Students:**

- American Red Cross
- Baltimore Child Abuse Center
- Baltimore Department of Juvenile Services
- Baltimore Family Service
- Blakehurst Retirement Community
- Carroll County Public Schools
- Catholic Charities
- CC Headstart
- Cool Kids Campaign
- Domestic Violence (DOVE) Program
- Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
- Harford Memorial Hospital
- House of Ruth Maryland
- Irvine Nature Center
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Magnolia Middle School
- Northwood Recreation Center
- Public Defender’s Office
- Sheppard Pratt Health System
- St. Elizabeth School
- The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
- The Shafer Center
- University of Maryland
- Villa Maria

**Graduate Schools Attended by Stevenson Alumni:**

- Catholic University of America
- University of Scranton
- University of Michigan
- McDaniel College
- Loyola University
- Towson University
- Stevenson University
- University of Baltimore
- University of Maryland

**An Employer’s Perspective:**

Human Services majors need to communicate with people from a variety of backgrounds and apply culturally sensitive behavior. You will need a deep understanding of individuals and families and how best to help them. You will also need to be able to apply research findings to analyze common problems. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment for human services assistants is projected to grow by about 34% through 2016. The long-term outlook for job opportunities is excellent, especially for educated applicants as employers are increasingly in search of employees holding degrees in Human Services.

According to the National Organization of Human Services some of the greatest needs will be in facilities and programs that serve the elderly, mentally impaired, or developmentally disabled.

**Salaries:**

Salaries are dependent upon the industry, level of position, and geographical region. A few good resources for researching salaries of specific jobs within various industries are [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com) and [www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com).

