

COS Programs Child Development Human Services

Education & Child Development

Child Development provides courses leading to work in private child care programs and preschools and courses to earn a Child Development Permit for employment in state- or federally-funded programs. Additional coursework is offered for infant/toddler care, administration for director qualifications and for after school care. Students may obtain a 6, 12, 24 or 26 credit certificate, an associate degree in Child Development and/or classes for a transfer option. Students may also obtain a state permit issued by the Commission on Teaching Credentials for a Preschool Teacher.

Human Services educates the beginning student about ways to alleviate social problems. The professional in human services generally requires a master's degree, such as a Masters in Social Work. However, in many instances, the field can use a person with training below master's level. The Human Services two-year degree is recognized by the State of California and by the federal government. Because of the economic conditions of Tulare, Kings and the surrounding counties, the need for social service professionals is great. The program's purpose is to train students for specific vocational needs, provide the community with individuals who can relate the local community's social challenges and provide field experience at a significant level (at least three semesters). Students will attain a vocational-level after two years of education. In addition, students will become aware of the availability of the advanced degree programs to attain a bachelor's degree or master's in Social Work, for example.

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The Human Services Program helped me choose my career path because it opened my eyes to experiences and to social injustices that occur in our society. The program has had a very big impact on myself and I plan to transfer to Fresno State and pursue my bachelor's and a career in Human Services.

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– JESUS ALTAMIRAN,
COS HUMAN
SERVICES STUDENT



Preschool Teacher*

Starting Pay
\$18,829

Average Pay
\$27,208

Experienced Pay
\$43,127

7 degrees/certificates

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