

SOCIAL WORK: FAMILY SPECIALIST PRACTITIONER BASIC
CERTIFICATE



College(s): KK

Program Code: 0467

The Social Work Family Specialist Basic Certificate includes the study of the Generalist Approach to working with the individual, family, group, and community. The Family Specialist Advanced certification can lead to employment as a Family Specialist Practitioner in Early Childhood Centers, social service agencies, and primary school settings. Kennedy-King College has aligned its coursework with the Gateway for Opportunity Illinois Professional Development System credential requirements. Students who complete specific required courses can apply for Family Specialist Certification Levels 2 & 3, endorsed by Gateway for Opportunity Illinois Professional Development System.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------------------------|--|-------|
| Required Program Core | | |
| ENGLISH 101 | Composition | 3 |
| CHLD DV 101 | Human Growth & Development I | 4 |
| CHLD DV 102 | Human Growth & Development II | 3 |
| SOC SER 101 | Introduction To Social Work | 3 |
| SOC SER 215 or SOC 205 | Social Prob & Soc Action I Social Problems | 3 |
| SOC SER 228 or SOC 203 | Social Work with Families : Evidence Based Practice Sociology of Families and Intimate Relationships | 3 |
| SOC SER 201 | Principles of Social Work Practice | 3 |
| PSYCH 201 | General Psychology | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 25 |

Pathway

This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in pursuing Social Work: Family Specialist Practitioner. This does not represent a contract or guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, students will earn a Basic Certificate (BC) in Social Work: Family Specialist Practitioner.

Semester-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students

| Semester 1 | | Hours |
|---------------------------|--|-------|
| ENGLISH 101 | Composition | 3 |
| CHLD DV 101 | Human Growth & Development I | 4 |
| SOC SER 101 | Introduction To Social Work | 3 |
| SOC SER 215 or SOC 205 | Social Prob & Soc Action I or Social Problems | 3 |
| Hours | | 13 |
| Semester 2 | | |
| CHLD DV 102 | Human Growth & Development II | 3 |
| SOC SER 228 or SOC 203 | Social Work with Families : Evidence Based Practice or Sociology of Families and Intimate Relationships | 3 |
| PSYCH 201 | General Psychology | 3 |
| SOC SER 201 | Principles of Social Work Practice | 3 |
| Hours | | 12 |
| Total Hours | | 25 |

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

Careers

This program can prepare students for the jobs listed below. Click on each one to learn more, including average earnings, annual job openings, and how much education people in that field have. For additional guidance and resources on career options, current City Colleges students

and alumni can contact the Career Services Office (<https://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Career-Services.aspx>).

Social and Human Service Assistants

Job Description

Assist other social and human service providers in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services. May assist social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or dependent care.

Salary Based on Experience Level

Take a look at the average hourly/annual earnings for this career in Cook County

Lightcast earnings figures are based on OES data from the BLS and include base rate, cost of living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay (including commissions and bonuses), on-call pay, and tips.

Annual Wages

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| Entry-Level 10 th Percentile | \$35,408 |
| Median 50 th Percentile | \$44,020 |
| Senior-Level 90 th Percentile | \$60,071 |

Hourly Wages

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|--|------|
| Entry-Level 10 th Percentile | \$17 |
| Median 50 th Percentile | \$21 |
| Senior-Level 90 th Percentile | \$29 |

Annual Job Openings

1327 annual openings in Cook County

National Education Attainment

Here, you can see the level of education that people in this career complete.

| Degree Program | % of Jobs |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| A high school diploma or less | 10.41% |
| A certificate | 0.00% |
| Some college | 16.21% |
| An Associate degree | 17.99% |
| A Bachelor's degree | 40.46% |
| A Master's or Professional degree | 11.16% |
| A Doctoral degree or more | 3.77% |

55.39% continue their education beyond an associate degree