

Adolescent Counseling -- Career Resources

What can I do with a certificate in Adolescent Counseling?

Counselors provide special services, including alcohol and drug prevention programs and conflict resolution classes. They also try to identify cases of domestic abuse and other family problems that can affect a student's development. Counselors interact with students individually, in small groups, or with entire classes. They consult and collaborate with parents, teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, medical professionals, and social workers in order to develop and implement strategies to help students be successful in the education system.

(From the Occupational Outlook Handbook website at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos067.htm>)

Adolescent Counseling Job Related Titles	
Counselors	Probation Officers
Speech-Language Pathologists	Psychologists
Social and Human Service Assistants	Social Workers

Bureau of Labor Statistics Information

Counselors (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos067.htm>)

- School counselors must be certified, and other counselors must be licensed to practice in all but two States. A master's degree generally is needed to become a licensed counselor.
- Job opportunities for counselors should be very good because job openings are expected to exceed the number of graduates from counseling programs.
- State and local governments employ about 4 in 10 counselors, and the health services industry employs most of the others.

Speech-Language Pathologists (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos099.htm>)

- About half work in educational services, and most others were employed by health care and social assistance facilities.
- A master's degree in speech-language pathology is the standard credential required for licensing in most States.
- Employment is expected to grow because the expanding population in older age groups is prone to medical conditions that result in speech, language, and swallowing problems.
- Excellent job opportunities are expected.

Social and Human Service Assistants (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos059.htm>)

- While a bachelor's degree usually is not required, employers increasingly seek individuals with relevant work experience or education beyond high school.
- Employment is projected to grow much faster than average.
- Job opportunities should be excellent, particularly for applicants with appropriate postsecondary education, but pay is low.

Social Workers (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos060.htm>)

- About 9 out of 10 jobs were in health care and social assistance industries, as well as State and local government agencies.
- While a bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement, a master's degree in social work or a related field has become the standard for many positions. Employment is projected to grow faster than average.
- Competition for jobs is expected in cities, but opportunities should be good in rural areas.

Adolescent Counseling Job Search/Listings Websites

Top USA jobs (<http://counselor.jobs.topusajobs.com/>)
 American Counseling Association (www.counseling.org/)
 Monster (www.monster.com)
 Career Builder (www.careerbuilder.com)
 Social Services Jobs (<http://www.socialservice.com/>)
 Careers.org (<http://www.careers.org/>)
 Psych Watch (http://www.psychwatch.com/job_page.htm)

Professional Associations, Organizations, and List-servs

American Counseling Association (www.counseling.org/)
 Texas Counseling Association (http://www.txca.org/tca/TCA_ORGANIZATION.asp?SnID=65378)
 American School Counselor Association (<http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>)
 National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (<http://www.nbcc.org>)

Books and Print Resources

General Adolescent Counseling Books at UNT Dallas Library:

TITLE	CALL NUMBER
Careers for caring people & other sensitive types	Electronic Resource -- netLibrary
Opportunities in educational support careers	Electronic Resource -- netLibrary
Opportunities in psychology careers	Electronic Resource -- netLibrary
Careers in social and rehabilitation services	Electronic Resource -- netLibrary
Handbook of Crisis Counseling, Intervention, and Prevention in the Schools	LB 1027.55 .C74 2002 c.2

Other Suggested Titles:

TITLE	CALL NUMBER
Brief Counseling That Works (2/Ed): A solution Focused Approach for School Counselors and Administrators	Amazon.com ISBN 1412904579
A Survival Guide for the Elementary/Middle School Counselor	Amazon.com ISBN 0787968862