

Community Counseling -- Career Resources

What can I do with a certificate in Community Counseling?

Counselors work with individuals, families, and groups to address and treat mental and emotional disorders and to promote optimum mental health. They are trained in a variety of therapeutic techniques used to address a wide range of issues, including depression, addiction and substance abuse, suicidal impulses, stress management, problems with self-esteem, issues associated with aging, job and career concerns, educational decisions, issues related to mental and emotional health, and family, parenting, and marital or other relationship problems. Mental health counselors often work closely with other mental health specialists, such as psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurses, and school counselors.

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

Includes Traditional and Non-Traditional Titles, some require additional training or graduate/post-graduate degrees

Community Counseling Job-Related Titles	
Counselors Speech-Language Pathologists Social and Human Service Assistants	Educational Services Psychologists

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.

Community 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 Counseling Books at UNT Dallas Library:

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:

A Guide To Careers In Community Development	Amazon.com ISBN 1559637501
Real Resumes for Social Work and Counseling Jobs: Including Real Resumes Used to Change Careers and Transfer Skills to Other Industries	Amazon.com ISBN 1885288263
Community Counseling	Amazon.com ISBN 0023705205