

Human Services Lesson 1: Teacher Guide

The objective of this lesson is to help students explore careers in the human services field and discover how those choices depend on their intended level of education. This activity could be used in the following types of elective classes: Sociology, Psychology, Child Development, Health, Family/Consumer Science, etc.

Discussion

Start this lesson by asking students if they have ever thought about the types of careers available in the field of human services. Ask about their career interests and see how those careers might be related to human services. Here are some questions that will help facilitate the discussion:

- What types of jobs do you think of when you hear the term “human service”?
- Are there jobs that might be related to human service that you didn’t realize were part of this field? (*Therapist, family counselor, police detective, coach, etc.*)
- If you plan on attending a four-year college, do you think you will have to take any human service classes, even if your major isn’t in the field? (*Answer: Yes, students will have to take general education classes from all academic areas, including human service.*)
- Do you have any idea of what type of salary you could earn working in a human service-related career?

Online Activity

Log in to Kuder Navigator® (Log on to <http://www.indianacareerexplorer.org>) and hand out the student worksheet(s). Your students should all have individual accounts. If they do not, you can obtain their login information from your Kuder Administrative Database Management System® or check with your site administrator (typically your career teachers or school counselors). Even if students only have their user names, they can still reset their passwords.

Although the worksheet is self-explanatory, you may want to walk through the assignment yourself prior to leading students through the activity in case they need assistance.

Post-Online Activity

Divide students into discussion groups of four to five students. Have them discuss the results they researched online about human service careers and compare the salaries of the occupations they researched. Finally, ask each group to share one interesting thing they learned from this activity that might impact their career choices.

Post-Activity Discussion

Ask students if they were surprised at how many types of careers were categorized as “human service-related.” Ask for volunteers to share information they found on different occupations from the various educational/training categories.