

EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Career and Technical Education Program at Milton Hershey School

As opportunities continue to grow in the fields of Education and Human Services, this CTE program area equips students to step confidently into these impactful careers. With unmatched hands-on learning, students gain the practical skills, compassion, and leadership qualities that prepare them to make a meaningful difference.

Through this CTE program area, students are exposed to the many career opportunities with family-sustaining wages available in these industries. They learn about employer expectations as well as the challenges they may face through real-life learning experiences. These environments include classroom and professional office simulation spaces where students can take their understanding and academic growth to the next level—increasing their knowledge each school year.

Students explore careers in education, social work, counseling, and other related occupations. As they go through high school, they narrow their focus and discover the professional expectations and degree requirements for that career. Students also regularly hear from guest speakers who are experts in these fields and take part in observational and collaborative learning experiences with elementary students.

By senior year, students participate in work-based learning and internships aligned with their specific interests. Throughout the program area, they build core skills, pursue industry-recognized certifications, such as a Child Development Associate (CDA), and develop the empathy, communication, and leadership qualities essential for success in these careers.



“This CTE program area is exactly where I want to be. Since middle school, I’ve wanted to dedicate myself to the service of others.”

— Zachary Franks
MHS Student



EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES EXAMPLE CAREER PATHWAYS

- Early Childhood Education
- Education K-12
- Human Services

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

- Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

CORE SKILLS

- Oral Expression and Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Reasoning
- Service Orientation



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COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

- Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC)
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Penn State World Campus
- University of Pittsburgh
- Shippensburg University – Shippensburg Promotes Academic Research and Knowledge (SPARK)

FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS

- **High School Diploma:**
 - Teacher Assistant
 - Personal Care Aide
- **2-Year Degree:**
 - Early Childhood Teacher
 - Paraprofessional
 - Rehabilitation Assistant
- **4-Year Degree:**
 - Teacher
 - Social Worker
 - Therapist
 - Case Manager
 - Counselor

AUTHENTIC WORK EXPERIENCES

- **Internships:**
 - MHS
 - CHS
- **Expanded Opportunities:**
 - CDA Certification Course and Penn State Summer College Opportunity Program in Education (SCOPE)



2 Industry-Recognized
Certifications



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Sources: O*Net, Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook