

# SOCIAL SERVICES TECHNICIAN

The Social Services Technician (SST) Certificate prepares students for a wide variety of employment options within the social services profession. The SST Certificate provides understanding and experience with the methods, skills, and critical theories that support effective work. In addition, students come away prepared to meet the professional standards and engage in the expected behaviors of persons licensed to work in a social services setting at the paraprofessional level. Completion of the certificate prepares participants to qualify and pursue registration as a Social Service Technician under the Michigan Bureau of Health Professions.

## Program Goals

Upon completion of the SST certificate, students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Apply critical thinking skills within the context of professional social work practice;
2. Understand the value base of the profession's ethical standards and principles including practice without discrimination and with respect;
3. Understand and interpret the history of the social work profession, contemporary structures and issues;
4. Use theoretical frameworks supported by empirical evidence to understand individual development and behavior across the lifespan and within families, groups, organizations and communities;
5. Use communication skills differentially within client populations, with colleagues and communities, and work collaboratively within the structure of organizations and service delivery systems.

## Social Services Technician Certificate (18 - 22 credit hours)

Social Services Technician Core Requirements (12 credit hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDC 240 or EDC 302	Psych of Child Development Adol Devl & Classroom Mgmt	3
EDC 306	Applied Behavior Analysis I	3
CHE 201 or HHS 202	Medical Terminology Mental Health Terminology	3
SWK 200 or CHE 101	Intro to Social Work Intro to Health Education	3
Total Credit Hours		12

Social Services Technician Specialty Courses (6 credit hours - Choose two course from the following)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDC 439	Child Maltreatment and Trauma	3
HHS 370	Medicine and Addiction I	3

SWK 300	Theories and Practices	3
SWK 301	Intro to Macro Social Work	3
SWK 302	Family Preservation	3
SWK 305	Case Management for Change	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Additional Job-Ready Courses and Experiences (The following are optional choices that can assist students in preparing for professional SST employment; could include 1-4 credit hours.)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CHE 402	Internship CHE	3
PDED 418	Topics in Education	1-3
Crisis Prevention Institute Training (CPI)		
Basic First Aid- Red Cross		
CPR/AED Training		
Mental Health First Aid		
Bloodborne Pathogens Certification		
Background Check and Fingerprinting		
Total Credit Hours		4-6