

SOCIAL WORK: FAMILY SPECIALIST PRACTITIONER, ADVANCED CERTIFICATE



College(s): KK

Program Code: 0468

The Social Work Family Specialist Advance Certificate includes the study of the Generalist Approach to working with the individual, family, group, and community. The Social Work Family Specialist Advanced certification can lead to employment as a Family Specialist Practitioner in Early Childhood Centers, social service agencies, and primary school settings. The coursework aligns with the requirements for the Family Specialist Credential with the Gateway for Opportunity Illinois Professional Development System credential requirements. Students who complete specific required courses can apply for Family Specialist Certification Levels 2, 3 & 4, endorsed by Gateway for Opportunity Illinois Professional Development System.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Program Core		
CHLD DV 101	Human Growth & Development I	4
CHLD DV 102	Human Growth & Development II	3
CHLD DV 107	Health Safety And Nutrition	3
SOC SER 101	Introduction To Social Work	3
SOC SER 109	Report Writing for Social Service Aides	3
SOC SER 201	Principles of Social Work Practice	3
SOC SER 215	Social Prob & Soc Action I	3
SOC SER 228	Social Work with Families : Evidence Based Practice	3
ENGLISH 101	Composition	3
PSYCH 201	General Psychology	3
Required Work-Based Learning Courses		

SOC SER 229 Social Service Practicum 6

Total Hours 37

Pathway

This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in pursuing Social Work: Family Specialist Practitioner. This does not represent a contract or guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, students will earn a Basic Certificate (BC), and an Advanced Certificate (AC) in Social Work: Family Specialist Practitioner.

Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students

Semester	Course	Hours
Semester 1		
SOC SER 101	Introduction To Social Work	3
CHLD DV 101	Human Growth & Development I	4
SOC SER 215 or SOC 205	Social Prob & Soc Action I or Social Problems	3
ENGLISH 101	Composition	3
Hours		13
Semester 2		
SOC SER 201	Principles of Social Work Practice	3
SOC SER 228	Social Work with Families : Evidence Based Practice	3
CHLD DV 102	Human Growth & Development II	3
Hours		9
Semester 3		
SOC SER 109	Report Writing for Social Service Aides	3
CHLD DV 107	Health Safety And Nutrition	3
PSYCH 201	General Psychology	3
Hours		9
Semester 4		
SOC SER 229	Social Service Practicum	6
Hours		6
Total Hours		37

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

55.39% continue their education beyond an associate degree

Careers

This program can prepare students for the jobs listed below. Click on each one to learn more, including average earnings, annual job openings, and how much education people in that field have. For additional guidance and resources on career options, current City Colleges students and alumni can contact the Career Services Office (<https://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Career-Services.aspx>).

Social and Human Service Assistants

Job Description

Assist other social and human service providers in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services. May assist social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or dependent care.

Salary Based on Experience Level

Take a look at the average hourly/annual earnings for this career in Cook County

Lightcast earnings figures are based on OES data from the BLS and include base rate, cost of living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay (including commissions and bonuses), on-call pay, and tips.

Annual Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$35,441
Median 50 th Percentile	\$44,089
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$60,074

Hourly Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$17
Median 50 th Percentile	\$21
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$29

Annual Job Openings

1371 annual openings in Cook County

National Education Attainment

Here, you can see the level of education that people in this career complete.

Degree Program	% of Jobs
A high school diploma or less	10.41%
A certificate	0.00%
Some college	16.21%
An Associate degree	17.99%
A Bachelor's degree	40.46%
A Master's or Professional degree	11.16%
A Doctoral degree or more	3.77%