

## Certificate Program

## SOCIAL SERVICE

CREDITS

### Program Information

As part of New Jersey's ongoing efforts to improve its child welfare system, the Department of Human Services and the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development formed a partnership called *Career Ladders* to provide education and career opportunities for Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) staff.

**This program is limited to eligible DYFS employees.**

In the *Career Ladders* program, DYFS staff members are required to complete a five-course training program with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Child Protective Services. Courses include communication, cultural competence, assessment and documentation, child development and identifying abuse and neglect, and family-centered child protective services.

Upon successful completion of the training program, DYFS staff members will be awarded a Certificate of Competency in Child Protective Services. Staff members then will be eligible to receive 12 credits toward a Social Service certificate at Salem Community College. Students will earn this certificate upon completing an additional five courses in English, psychology and sociology, plus an elective of their choice.

Upon successfully completing this program, students should be able to:

- communicate effectively in a professional manner, and
- demonstrate a basic knowledge of sociological concepts.

### Transfer of Credits

Some credits may transfer to an associate degree or bachelor's degree program. Please direct specific questions to a Student Affairs advisor.

### PREREQUISITES

<input type="checkbox"/>	Successful completion of N.J. Department of Human Services Child Protective Services training program (5 modules)	12
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENG 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSY 101 General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENG 202 Introduction to Speech Communication	3
	SOC 121 Introduction to Social Services	
<input type="checkbox"/>	or	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOC 214 Interviewing and Counseling Skills	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Elective	<u>3</u>
		18

TOTAL CREDITS: **30**

### N.J. GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENT FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

<b>Communication:</b>	ENG 101
<b>Math/Science/Technological Competency:</b>	not required
<b>Social Science:</b>	SOC 101
<b>Humanities:</b>	not required
<b>History:</b>	not required
<b>Cultural/Global Awareness:</b>	not required

For more information on this program, such as the graduation rate and the median debt of graduates, visit [www.salemcc.edu/socialservice](http://www.salemcc.edu/socialservice).