

# PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Service are those services provided by government to its citizens, regardless of a person's income. People working in this sector help operate schools, parks, hospitals, airports, and more. They collect taxes and spend public funds on projects and programs designed to benefit citizens. Careers in the Public Services Pathway include public officials, police and fire personnel and generally offer good benefits and job security.

Careers in public service are unique because they center on challenging issues that define the public agenda and involve vital services to the public—from local to international levels. Public service professions offer many career opportunities, including the following career pathways: Public Safety, Emergency Response, and Legal Practices. If you're that kind of person, you may find the career of your dreams on the Public Services Industry pathway. There are a huge number of careers along this pathway, but they all start with three different branches: Human Services, Legal and Government Services and Protective Services.



## IS THIS INDUSTRY SECTOR A GOOD MATCH FOR YOU?

### Are you?

- Interested in current affairs
- Good at helping people solve problems
- Comfortable with community outreach

### Do you?

- Value job security
- Want to serve the public
- Have excellent references
- Enjoy making a difference

## EDUCATION LEVEL & RELATED OCCUPATIONS

### High School Diploma

- Child Care Aide
- Armed Forces
- Emergency Medical Technician

### Certificate and/or Associate Degree

- Residential Counselor
- Crime Scene Technician
- Firefighter/Paramedic

### Bachelor+ Degree

- Social Worker
- FBI Agent
- Police Lieutenant/Captain/Chief

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety pathway prepares students with a broad-based foundational knowledge in careers that involve public safety. The educational foundation will assist students who wish to pursue related professional training at the postsecondary level. The evolving integration of state public safety organizations, their connections with federal and state intelligence and security agencies, interoperability and coordination of effort, and the shared mission to protect the public in a post-9/11 world are areas of emphasis for the pathway. The careers included in this pathway primarily address law enforcement services, homeland and cyber security services, and correctional services.

### Sample occupations associated with this pathway:

- Animal Control Worker
- Correctional Officer/Probation Officer
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Military Service

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Emergency Response pathway encompasses standards for designing student coursework in preparation for a number of careers in this field. The standards provide the foundation for further professional education and training at a postsecondary level, leading to certification and employment. By mastering these standards, students gain critical knowledge and skills through classroom and job-site experiences, simulations, and other learning modalities. Careers in this pathway include those in fire services, emergency medical services, wildland services, and emergency management.

### Sample occupations associated with this pathway:

- Firefighter and Wildland Firefighter
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Fire Prevention Technician
- Emergency Response Dispatcher
- Fire Management Officer

## LEGAL PRACTICES

The Legal Practices pathway prepares students with a broad-based foundation of knowledge pertaining to the various types of law and of legal practice and provides a foundation of basic skills necessary at all levels in the legal professions.

### Sample occupations associated with this pathway:

- Paralegal
- Court Reporter
- Law Librarian
- Legal Researcher
- Lawyer