Presentation Notes
Educational Support Staff: Partners in Creating a Caring Learning Community

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Educational Professional Support Services
Education and Training Programs of Study

Teaching and Training
Administration and Administrative Support

Professional Support Services
Each program of study includes a range of related occupations; teacher is an example of an occupation that falls within Teaching and Training. Choosing a career cluster and program of study will help you acquire the knowledge and skills you’ll need to enter your chosen career.

What careers would fall within the professional support services?
What professional support services do we have at our campus?
Here are the programs of study available within the Education and Training cluster in Texas high schools. The state has created programs of study for each of these areas. These documents detail high school classes you might take, extended learning opportunities, and postsecondary programs.

To download them, visit www.AchieveTexas.org/implementation.htm and click on the cluster icon for the area that interests you.

Administration and Administrative Support
In this field, professionals provide instructional leadership and manage the day-to-day activities in schools, colleges, and universities. They also manage educational programs in businesses, correctional facilities and community service organizations.

Professional Support Services
Professionals in this field assist students in schools with personal and family needs, mental health needs, educational goals and career decision-making.

Teaching and Training
In addition to being knowledgeable in the subjects they teach, professionals in this area must be able to communicate, inspire trust and confidence, motivate learners and understand their educational and emotional needs.

In this lesson, we will focus on professional support services.
Variety of Opportunities

Other educators, including counselors, speech-language pathologists and school psychologists, choose to serve students one-on-one.

Would you like to be a speech-language pathologists? Why or why not?
Would you like to be a school psychologists? Why or why not?
Teacher note: You may opt to show the students two Education and Training videos from this website. Click Education and Training videos.
- Education and Training (Cluster video)
- Clinical – Counseling – and School Psychologists

Career OneStop
These videos show the types of work people do in nearly 550 careers, organized by the 16 career clusters recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
Professional Support Services Careers
Examples of Careers

- Audiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- School Counselor
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Vision Specialist
Audiologist
Audiologists make an average of $69,720.00 per year. There were an estimated 13,000 jobs in 2012.
Audiologists work with students who have hearing, balance or other related ear problems. They also counsel with students regularly to meet their individual needs.
This is a full-time position that sometimes requires weekend and evenings to meet students’ needs.

Individuals wishing to become an audiologist must complete a doctoral degree in audiology and must be licensed by the state. Audiologists can opt to receive a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology and can join the American Board of Audiology.
Occupational therapists make an average of $75,400.00 per year. There were an estimated 113,200 jobs in 2012.
One of the main duties of an occupational therapist (OT) is to treat students who have physical disabilities. OTs demonstrate exercises for students and help students practice exercises that will improve physical well-being. Educational OTs may also help recommend special equipment or services for students to assist them in the classroom.
Of all occupational therapists, 12 percent work in school districts or the educational setting. This is a full-time position.

A master’s degree in occupational therapy is required for a career in OT. All OTs must pass the national exam administered by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy to receive their license. Also, members of the American Occupational Therapy Association can become certified in specific subjects to signify specialized knowledge in topics such as pediatrics, mental health or low vision.
Physical Therapist
Physical therapists make an average of $79,860.00 per year. There were an estimated 204,200 jobs in 2012.
Duties and Responsibilities

- See students and families regularly
- Arrange care plans for students
- Help students perform exercises
- Evaluate student progress

Educational physical therapists (PT) work similarly to occupational therapists because they both work with students to improve functional problems from injuries, sprains, fractures and other conditions. They create care plans for their students and help them perform exercises. PTs must perform regular evaluations to ensure student needs are met.
Physical therapists work full-time, often long hours with their students. Because they are often helping students with exercises, they are vulnerable to injuries.

Physical therapists must earn a doctoral of physical therapy and apply to the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Services. After that, PTs must serve a one-year residency for additional training. Then, they become licensed through the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy. Physical therapists can gain additional certifications through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists.
Physical Therapist Careers
Learn exactly what physical therapists do with this video from the American Physical Therapist Association.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Z2Ib4Meul4
School Counselor
School counselors make an average of $53,610.00 per year. There were an estimated 262,300 jobs in 2012.
Elementary, middle and high school counselors counsel students on a variety of topics such as organization, time management, study skills, goal setting and careers. They offer classroom guidance in the areas of bullying, drug abuse and college and career planning. Lastly, they refer students and families for additional services.
School counselors work full-time during the school year and typically have off during the summers.

School counselors usually are teachers for 1-2 years before beginning a master’s in school counseling program. They must have 2,000-3,000 hours of clinical supervision and be certified by the National Board of Certified Counselors.
Job Shadowing a School Counselor
High school students job shadow their high school counselor, Mr. Carlin.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0ChABV00cY&list=PL9w61LOHH6iScWTmbHVr5ux4bXLNKW8FW
Speech-language Pathologist
Speech language pathologist make an average of $68,870.00 per year. There were an estimated 134,100 jobs in 2012.
Speech language pathologists work with students who have speech or communication disorders. They determine the level of care needed, and create individualized care plans for them.
Speech language pathologists who work in the school district usually work full-time positions and have summers off.

In order to pursue a career in speech language pathology, you must obtain a masters degree in a speech language program. Then, you must pass certifications from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
Become an Audiologist and Reward Yourself with a Career that Helps Others

Audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLP) discuss rewards of the professions and the joy they receive by helping people to communicate.

http://youtu.be/01cPbndZMo
University of Central Florida
The university highlights careers in speech-language pathology.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObhBkVWRpaM
School Psychologist
School psychologists make an average of $69,280.00 per year. There were an estimated 160,200 jobs in 2012.
School psychologists work with students one-on-one to treat mental, emotional and behavioral disorders.
Usually school psychologists work full-time positions and have summers off.

The process to becoming a school psychologist is a lengthy one. First you must complete a Ph.D. in psychology or a doctoral of psychology program, then apply for state licensure. Then, you must enter into a supervised program, internship and lastly, a residency program.
School Social Worker
School social workers make an average of $44,200.00 per year. There were an estimated 607,300 jobs in 2012.
Duties and Responsibilities

- Work with teachers, parents and staff to create plans to improve social development
  - Aggression
  - Bullying
  - Absences

School social workers work with teachers, parents and staff to create plans to improve social development throughout the campus in the areas of aggression, bullying and absences.
Usually school psychologists work full-time positions and have summers off.

This career requires a bachelor’s degree in social work.
Vision Specialist
Vision specialists make an average of $55,060.00 per year. There were an estimated 442,800 jobs in 2012.
The vision specialist works with students, families, teachers and staff to create instructional plans for students who are blind or have low vision. They provide instruction in Braille, or adaptive materials such as large print books or computer programs. The vision specialist does not test visual acuity or make any kind of medical diagnosis.
Usually school psychologists work full-time positions and have summers off.

A vision specialist is a certified teacher who holds an additional certificate in vision impairment.
Questions?
References and Resources

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Books:
- Early Childhood Education Today: Twelfth Edition by George S. Morison
  The book is a special resource in early childhood education. It covers the foundations of education programs and resources for children and families, educational needs of infants through the primary grades and the special needs of children and families.
- Introduction To Teaching: Becoming A Professional (Fifth ed.) by Debra Knueck & Paul Taggart
  For any student going into the teaching profession, this is an excellent choice. It is a sure tool for students on all levels. It covers the changing teaching profession, the foundations of education and how to become an effective teacher.

Websites:
- AchieveTexas
  AchieveTexas College and Career Initiative is an education initiative designed to prepare students for a lifetime of success. It allows students to achieve excellence by preparing them for secondary and postsecondary opportunities, career preparation and advancement, meaningful work, and active citizenship.
  http://www.achievetexas.org/
- American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
  The ASCA provides information about how to become a school counselor. It also provides current school counselors with resources, professional development and information related to professional development conferences.
  http://www.ascahsa.org
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
  Teacher's guide Occupational Outlook Handbook
  http://www.bls.gov/occ/ohr/onet/teacher_gu1d.htm
References and Resources

- Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE)
  Advisor Handbook – Competitive Events
  [http://www.tafeonline.org/?page=CompetitiveEvents](http://www.tafeonline.org/?page=CompetitiveEvents)

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
  The ASLHA gives a complete overview of the audiology career.
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OIcPbndZMo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OIcPbndZMo)

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