

College can be affordable,
if you plan

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*Counseling
for Career
Choices and
Degree Plans*

Today's youth are faced with many educational options after graduation from secondary school and the process for sorting through those options can be confusing. New services from outside the traditional school counselor model are available to students and families as they move through the college admission process. The term "educational consultant" is used to describe both independent counselors and educational consultants. If you have not made a career choice member, there is a great shortage of skilled and certified workers in the Health Care field and the law enforcement field.

If at this date you have not done so, one of the better things to do is plan a visit to the campus of the college or university you plan to attend. Go to the registrar's office, housing department and the counselor's office. Remember at this time you should have already applied for housing, either a dorm room or apartment, scheduled placement tests, applied for acceptance and registered

for freshman orientation and talked with a counselor about your fall schedule.

If you have not decided on a career, go online and do research on what areas have shortage of skilled workers. Remember, you are never too old to go to school.

Here are just a few career where the shortage of skill trained and certified people is critical. I hope this helps!

Advanced Practice Nurses are Registered Nurses (RNs) with additional training and responsibilities. The following list came from the Advanced Practice degree programs (Masters and PhD) from WA State Universities and Colleges:

- Anesthetist (CRNA)
- Bio-behavioral Nursing
- Care & Outcomes Manager: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS); Nurse Educator; Nurse Administrator (Case Manager, Utilization Review Coordinator, Risk Manager, Nursing Informatics)
- Care Systems Management
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS); Forensic Nurse Specialist; Infection Nurse Specialist; Perinatal Nurse Specialist
- Community Health Nurse: Administration (Managers); Care Management; Education

- Community Health Systems Nursing;
- Cross Cultural Nursing; Healthy Aging;
- Occupational Health Nursing; Policy & Program Development
- Educator
- Family & Child

- Internet Security Specialist
- Computer Forensics
- Network Administrator
- Assistant LAN Manager
- Computer Repair Specialist
- System Integrator
- Computer Support Analyst
- Technical Support Specialist

- Health Technician
- Interior Design
- Massage Therapy
- Media Arts
- Medical Office
- Photography
- Recording Arts
- Trade
- Accounting
- Arts
- Aviation
- Beauty
- Computer Training
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Fashion Design
- Graphic Design

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DPS instituted a new internship program for trooper recruits

The first interns have been selected for a new program that will help the Texas Department of Public Safety retain trooper applicants until the next recruit school begins. In the past, we would often lose qualified recruits to other law enforcement agencies because of the wait until a recruit school begins. Now, we have the ability to employ them immediately and begin their training before the recruit school," said Col. Thomas M. Davis Jr. The new program will provide the intern with a broad overview of the Department. The first part of the internship program is a weeklong orientation at DPS headquarters in Austin. Interns then go to a field office for the remainder of the internship, learning more about the Texas Highway Patrol, the Driver License Division, the Criminal Law Enforcement Division and the Texas Ranger Division.

"This paid internship program will allow our recruits to learn more about DPS and its various responsibilities before they go through the 27 week recruit school in Austin, Col. Davis said. "We are pleased that we will be able to keep these qualified recruits onboard until we can place them in a class." Two recruits, one from Laredo and one from McAllen have already begun internships and will be part of the recruit school scheduled to begin on Sept. 30, 2007. Anyone interested in applying to the DPS Training Academy should contact DPS recruiters at 1-866-TXTROOP (898.7667). Additional information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us. and application packets can be picked up any DPS office.

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