McLennan Community College’s Pathways guide students toward coursework and future career options in the following six academic areas: Business & Industry, Creative Arts, Health Professions, Liberal Arts, Public Service, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). This process allows students to explore career options while staying on pace to graduate.

Whether your goal is to earn an associate’s degree, transfer to a four-year university, or get a certificate to jump-start your career, McLennan has a pathway for you!

Career Goals

Students who choose the Public Service Pathway can enjoy employment, advancement, and challenging careers in a vast range of professions including childcare workers, police detectives, mental health counselors, manicurists and pedicurists, firefighters, preschool teachers, and many more. Students not only learn critical thinking skills but learn how to make a difference in their community.

Skills Development

The Public Service Pathway seeks to foster varied skills including sophisticated communication, professionalism, high ethical standards, and critical thinking. Other skills emphasized:

- Active Listening
- Complex Problem Solving
- Instructing
- Learning Strategies
- Monitoring
- Negotiation
- Reading Comprehension
- Persuasion
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Time Management
- Writing
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Management of Personnel Resources
- Coordination
- Systems Evaluation
Make a difference in your community.

Degrees & Certificates Available

**Associate Degrees**
- Child Studies & Education
- Teaching, EC-12th Generalist
- Child Development
- Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice
- Corrections
- Law Enforcement
- Interpreter Training
- Long-Term Care Administration
- Mental Health / Social Work
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse & Addictions
- Youth Counseling
- Paramedicine

**Certificates**
- Child Studies & Education
- Child Development
- Cosmetology
- Cosmetology
- Esthetician Specialist
- Cosmetology Instructor
- Criminal Justice
- Corrections
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Academy
- Interpreter Training
- Studies in Deafness
- Long-Term Care Administration
- Assisted Living Facility Management
- Mental Health / Social Work
- Counselor Intern Education Preparation
- Mental Health
- Social Work
- Substance Abuse & Addictions
- Youth Counseling
- Paramedicine

**Financial Aid**
If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) by June 1 for the following academic year. For more information about financial aid, go to [www.mclennan.edu/financial-aid](http://www.mclennan.edu/financial-aid) or call McLennan’s Highlander Central at 254-299-8622.

**Gainful Employment**
Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students in these programs is available at [www.mclennan.edu/gainful-employment](http://www.mclennan.edu/gainful-employment).

**Learn More**
To find out more about the Public Service Pathway, visit [www.mclennan.edu/pathways/public-service](http://www.mclennan.edu/pathways/public-service).
To explore all six of the academic pathways, visit [www.mclennan.edu/pathways](http://www.mclennan.edu/pathways).

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Drew Canham, Vice President of Student Success, 1400 College Drive, 254-299-8645, titleix@mclennan.edu.

A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in career and technical education programs.

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La falta de conocimiento del idioma inglés no será un impedimento para la admisión y participación en programas de educación técnica y profesional.

For students in these programs who may have a criminal background, please be advised that the background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or program director. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.

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For more information, contact:
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