

HUMAN SERVICES

Associate in Applied Sciences Degree | Career Program | Department of Social Sciences

Program Description

The Human Services curriculum prepares students with the entry-level knowledge, values, and skills necessary for career exploration in a variety of helping professions that comprise the multifaceted nature of the human services. Students seeking a general overview of the human services should see the program description for the Human Services Option of the AA in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The AAS degree offers a greater degree of specialization. Students are prepared for employment as mental health aides, group residence workers, neighborhood outreach workers, social case work assistants, geriatric counselors, assistant probation officers and other similar positions. Employment opportunities exist in such areas as day care, mental health, social services, aging, rehabilitation of the disabled, and group and community work at the public and private level.

Graduates are prepared to pursue further education at senior colleges leading to a baccalaureate degree in several professional areas including social work, gerontology, juvenile justice, psychology, sociology, education and counseling. Human Services students are required to participate in two Human Services field work internships which provide supervised learning experiences in work situations. Students learn to apply theoretical material from the classroom and test career choices in the real world.

The degree articulates with several four-year colleges. Students are encouraged to visit the Transfer Planning website for more information.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Human Services program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic intervention process skills, which include the beginning ability to establish empathic relationships while providing direct service to individuals, families, groups and communities.
2. Demonstrate generalist planning skills, which include the ability to analyze client's needs, develop and implement a treatment plan, and determine the effectiveness of service.
3. Demonstrate information management skills, which include the ability to gather and assess client data, prepare and maintain adequate service records, and utilize resources in order to address client needs.
4. Demonstrate self-awareness and self-assessment skills, which include techniques that promote ongoing personal and professional development necessary to be an effective and non-judgmental human service worker.

HUMAN SERVICES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AAS Degree

Required Core

A. English Composition

- ENG 110 English Composition I: Fundamentals of Writing and Rhetoric *OR* ENG 111 English Composition I: Writing and Rhetoric (3 Credits)
- ENG 112 English Composition II: Writing and Rhetoric *OR* ENG 114 English Composition II: Writing about Fiction *OR* ENG 115 English Composition II: Writing about Drama *OR* ENG 116 English Composition II: Writing about Poetry (3 Credits)

B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning

- MTH 21 Survey of Mathematics I *OR* MTH 23 Probability and Statistics (3 Credits)

C. Life and Physical Sciences

- BIO 21 The Human Body (4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 13

Flexible Core

A. World Cultures and Global Issues

- SOC 11 Sociology (3 Credits)
- HIS 10 or History of the Modern World *OR* HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (3 Credits)

B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity

- POL 11 American National Government (3 Credits)

C. Creative Expression

- ART 11 Introduction to Art History *OR* ART 12 Introduction to Art History: Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East *OR* MUS 11 Introduction to Music *OR* MUS 12 Introduction to Music: A Multi-Cultural Survey of World Music (3 Credits)

D. Individual and Society

- PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 15

Major Requirements

- **COMM 11** Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication *OR*
COMM 20 Public Speaking and Critical Listening (3 Credits)
- **HLT 91** Critical Issues in Health (2 Credits)
- **HSC 10** Human Services and Social Welfare Institutions (3 Credits)
- **HSC 11** Case Management (3 Credits)
- **HSC 12** Human Services Skills and Methods (3 Credits)
- **HSC 91** Fieldwork and Seminar in Human Services I (3 Credits)
- **HSC 92** Fieldwork and Seminar in Human Services II (3 Credits)
- **PSY 31** Abnormal Psychology (3 Credits)
- **PSY 40** Life Span Development (3 Credits)
- **SOC 35** Introduction to Social Work (3 Credits)
- **SOC 37** Social Inequity (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 32

