

HUMAN SERVICES, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

Students will begin to explore the field of Human Services. Students will identify aspects of individual, family and social behaviors and the steps involved in resolving problems utilizing social services systems. Students are provided opportunities to practice skills such as empathy, active listening and cultural competency to engage in ethical helping practices that promote human growth, dignity, respect and self-determination.

Program Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Services will:

1. Identify the role of the human services worker in a variety of social services settings
2. Apply interpersonal and group skills needed to effectively work with diverse populations
3. Apply case management skills, including documentation, assessment, crisis intervention, treatment planning and use of appropriate community resources
4. Demonstrate the ability to adhere to professional, ethical standards and responsibility for professional growth

Career Considerations

The Human Services program prepares students for entry-level jobs and future careers in private and government social service agencies, schools and business. Jobs include social work assistants, community outreach workers, substance abuse and recovery counselor, crisis intervention aide and/or case management aides.

Program Course Requirements

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| First Year | | |
| First Term | | |
| HS 100 | Introduction to Human Services | 3 |
| HS 150 | Personal Effect for HS Workers | 3 |
| MTH 060 | Intro to Algebra (or higher) | 4 |
| WR 121Z | Composition I | 4 |
| Credits | | 14 |
| Second Term | | |
| HS 108 | UnderstandBEH-EMOT Iss-Old Pop | 3 |
| HS 154 | Community Resources | 3 |
| HS 155 | Counseling Skills I | 3 |
| PSY 101 | Psychology of Human Relations ¹ | 3 |
| SOC 204 | Intro to Sociology | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Third Term | | |
| HS 217 | Group Counseling Skills I ² | 3 |
| HS 226 | Ethics and Law | 3 |
| HS 229 | Crisis Intervention-Prevention | 3 |
| HS 267 | Cultural Competence in HS | 3 |
| WR 227Z | Technical Writing | 4 |
| Credits | | 16 |

Second Year

First Term

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| HDFS 201 | Ind-Family Development ⁴ | 3 |
| HS 227 | Understanding Dysf Families | 3 |
| HS 265 | Counseling Skills II ² | 3 |
| HS 280 | CWE-Human Svcs ³ | 3 |
| PSY 201 | General Psychology I | 4 |
| Credits | | 16 |

Second Term

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| HDFS 240 | Contemporary American Family ⁴ | 3 |
| HS 102 | Addiction Pharmacology | 3 |
| HS 266 | Case Mgmt for HS Workers | 3 |
| HS 280 | CWE-Human Svcs ³ | 3 |
| PSY 202 | General Psychology II | 4 |
| Credits | | 16 |

Third Term

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| HS 211 | HIV AIDS-Infectious Disease | 2 |
| HS 280 | CWE-Human Svcs ³ | 5 |
| PSY 239 | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| SOC 225 | Social Aspects of Addiction | 3 |
| Credits | | 13 |

Total Minimum Credits 90

¹ Satisfies Human Relations requirement. Could instead take COM 218Z

² See catalog for course pre-requisites

³ See instructor the term prior for information on cooperative work experience

⁴ Please see program coordinator for an individualized academic plan

A grade of C or better must be attained in all Human Service courses or courses must be retaken.

Program Entrance Requirements

Academic Entrance Requirement

- Working knowledge of MS Word

Recommended:

- Students with a criminal record are urged to research employability before entering the Human Service Program. If a student enters the program with a felony conviction, they should realize the impact on their Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) opportunities and employment. Most agencies have background check requirements.