

Human Services

Associate of Applied Science

Purpose: The two-year associate degree in Human Services is designed to prepare students with the requisite professional knowledge, skills, and values to obtain entry-level positions in a diverse, pluralistic, and ever-changing, public, private, and non-profit human services delivery system.

Occupational Objectives: Employment opportunities include, but are not limited to, the following types of employers: social service agencies; childcare agencies; hospitals; mental retardation and rehabilitation agencies; mental health settings; juvenile and adult corrections; private, non-profit, and for-profit agencies; and, geriatric settings.

Admission Requirements: General college curricular admission

Program Notes: In addition to the general college curricular admission requirements, an interview with the program head is recommended. While a face-to-face interview is preferable, an interview can also be conducted via telephone or electronic conference. The curriculum provides students with the requisite knowledge, skills, professional values, and attitudes necessary to practice in a diverse client and service delivery system. The program is also designed to enhance the professional knowledge, skills, and marketability of persons already employed in human services. Students should consult their faculty advisor or a counselor to discuss educational goals and objectives, employment opportunities, course electives, internship requirements, and potential sites for internships.

All students in the program should take the core curriculum courses in sequence as listed in the catalog. Students who receive a final grade lower than "C" in any of the core courses should repeat the course before taking further courses in the core curriculum. Students who are having academic difficulty should discuss their academic progress with a counselor or faculty advisor.

A coordinated internship in a human service agency is required in the fourth semester of the curriculum. Students should discuss the internship course with the program head, as well as select, interview, confirm a placement supervisor and site, and complete all required internship documents, the semester prior to registering for HMS 290: Coordinated Internship. Students can select from a directory of internship sites maintained by the program head or select and interview in a human services agency of their choice that formally agrees to provide the required learning experiences and supervision for 130-clock hours. Students are expected to provide their own transportation to the agency.

The purpose of the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree curriculum is to prepare students for employment upon graduation. Four-year college and university transfer opportunities for Associate of Applied Science degrees, if existing, are usually very specific in nature. Students may, however, substitute some courses in the AAS degree

curriculum with courses that generally transfer to senior institutions. Students should consult their program advisor at the earliest possible date for further guidance and are advised to get assurances in writing in advance from the institution to which they wish to transfer.

Computer Competency Requirement: Students in this program will meet the college's computer competency requirement by successfully completing ITE 115. Students can also meet this requirement by passing the college's computer competency exam, administered in the testing centers on each campus, in which case they will receive college credit for ITE 115. Students not passing the computer competency exam may retake the exam only once.

CURRICULUM		
COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
SOC 200	Principles of Sociology	3
HMS 100	Introduction to Human Services	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
MEN 101	Mental Health Skill Training I	3
ITE 115	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts	3
TOTAL		16
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HMS 121	Basic Counseling Skills I	3
HMS 141	Group Dynamics I	3
HMS 236	Gerontology	3
MEN 102	Mental Health Skill Training II	3
TOTAL		15
HLT 121 ¹	Introduction to Drug Use and Abuse	3
HMS 226	Helping Across Cultures	3
HMS 122	Basic Counseling Skills II	3
MTH 120 ²	Introduction to Mathematics	3
HMS 227	The Helper as Change Agent	3
HMS 142	Group Dynamics II	3
TOTAL		18
CST 110	Introduction to Speech Communication	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
HMS 225	Functional Family Intervention	3
HMS 266	Counseling Psychology	3

____ ³	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
HMS 290	Coordinated Internship in Human Services	0
TOTAL		15

Total Minimum Credits for AAS Degree in Human Services

¹An approved personal wellness elective may be substituted for this course. A list of approved general education electives (social/behavioral sciences, mathematics/science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog and Design.

²Students may substitute either a transfer math course or BIO 101 for MTH 120. Students wishing to substitute a transfer math course should consult their advisor and transfer institution for further guidance.

³A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics/science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design.