BLACKHAWK Technical College

HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATE

Associate of Applied Science Degree
10-520-3

The Human Services Associate of Applied Science degree trains students to provide information, support, care and advocacy in a human service agency. Students will gain a solid foundation in human services principles that can be applied in areas such as mental health, social services, education, and rehabilitation. Students will acquire the skills needed to work with individuals, groups and communities of diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The program consists of a unique combination of study including various aspects of human services and general education, as well as field experience in a community human service agency.

The Human Services degree will prepare students to help people enduring difficult times or help them decide what additional services they may need. Human service associates work closely with social workers and other various human service agencies. They help determine what type of help a client might need, help with daily activities, coordinate client services and research available services. Coursework involves interviewing, recordkeeping, counseling, psychology, professional ethics, addictions, working with special populations and grant writing.

A criminal background check is required for all students before participating in Field Experience I and II during the second year of the program.

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

a. Model a commitment to cultural competence
b. Uphold the Ethical Standards and Values for Human Service Professionals.
c. Demonstrate professionalism
d. Utilize community resources
e. Apply human services interventions and best practices
f. Cultivate professional relationships

Associate degree graduates are ready for a range of professional positions in the field of human services including:

• Case Manager
• Community Support Worker
• Substance Abuse Counselor in Training
• Income Maintenance Worker
• Information and Referral Specialist
• Intake Worker
• Outreach Worker
• Prevention Worker
• Resident Manager
• Volunteer Coordinator

With additional education and/or work experience, graduates may find employment as:

• Substance Abuse Counselor
• Program Director
• Social Worker

Semester 1		Credits
520-100	Introduction to Human Services	3
520-101	Community Resources and Services	3
520-102	Introduction to Gerontology	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
804-134 or 804-118	Mathematical Reasoning or Intermediate Algebra with Applications	3-4
	Credits	**15-16**

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Semester 2

Code	Title	Credits
520-103	Interviewing Principles & Documentation	3
520-104	Racial and Cultural Diversity in Human Services	3
520-105	Intro to Addiction and Substance Abuse Disorders	3
520-110	People with Disabilities	3
801-198	Speech	3
	Credits	**15**

Semester 3

Code	Title	Credits
520-106	Professional Practices in Human Services	3
520-107	Field Experience / Human Services 1	3
520-108	Children and Family Services	3
520-109	Group Facilitation	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Credits	**15**

Semester 4

Code	Title	Credits
520-111	Field Experience / Human Services 2	3
520-112	Human Services Organizational Operations	3
520-113	Rehabilitation Services	3
520-114	Victimology	3
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Credits	**15**
	Total Credits	**60-61**

General Education Courses Within Program

Code	Title	Credits
801-136	English Composition 1	3
801-198	Speech	3
804-134	Mathematical Reasoning	3-4
or 804-118	Intermediate Algebra with Applications	
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3