

HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATE



Associate of Applied Science Degree
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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

- Model a commitment to cultural competence
- Uphold the Ethical Standards and Values for Human Service Professionals.
- Demonstrate professionalism
- Utilize community resources
- Apply human services interventions and best practices
- 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 |
| 801-198 | Speech | 3 |
| 809-198 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Semester 2 | | |
| 520-103 | Interviewing Principles & Documentation | 3 |
| 520-104 | Racial and Cultural Diversity in Human Services | 3 |

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| 520-105 | Intro to Addiction and Substance Abuse Disorders | 3 |
| 520-106 | Professional Practices in Human Services | 3 |
| 809-196 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Semester 3 | | |
| 520-107 | Field Experience / Human Services 1 | 3 |
| 520-108 | Children and Family Services | 3 |
| 520-109 | Group Facilitation | 3 |
| 520-110 | People with Disabilities | 3 |
| 801-136 | English Composition 1 | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Semester 4 | | |
| 520-111 | Field Experience / Human Services 2 | 3 |
| 520-112 | Human Services Organizational Operations | 3 |
| 520-113 | Rehabilitation Services | 3 |
| 520-114 | Victimology | 3 |
| 804-134 or 804-118 | Mathematical Reasoning or Intermediate Algebra with Applications | 3-4 |
| Credits | | 15-16 |
| Total Credits | | 60-61 |

General Education Courses Within Program

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