

# SOCIAL SERVICES, Associate in Arts Degree - 5060

## Health Careers Division

This program prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities offering baccalaureate degrees in social work, psychology, human services, or other social service professions. The degree also prepares students for work in the Human Services field. Human service professionals work directly with clients and are accurate, reliable, responsible, and self-motivated. In addition, they work well under pressure and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. All students interested in this program must take HUMS 100, Introduction to Human Services, as the first course in the curriculum. Prior to enrollment into all other Human Services courses, students must complete a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance and a State Police Criminal Record Check. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the Division Dean. Because students are planning to transfer to other institutions, it essential to choose an intended transfer institution as soon as possible and carefully follow the program described in that college's catalog, as four-year institutions vary widely. The complete program is available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and York Regional Campuses. Some of the required course are available at the Lebanon and Gettysburg Regional Campuses.

## Career Opportunities

This transfer curriculum is provided as a guide for students planning to transfer to baccalaureate degree granting institution. Transfer students may continue their education in a wide variety of social services field such as mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse, gerontology, women's services and family services. Graduates of the program receive the training and education for positions in a number of social service fields as social and human services assistants.

## Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Take advanced academic work at a four-year institution in one of the helping professions
- Conduct interviews for purposes of gathering information, assessment, and development of service plans
- Work effectively with clients and their families to plan treatment or service
- Write effective contact notes, social histories and maintain client files
- Make referrals and facilitate clients moving through the social service system
- Recognize the characteristics of racially and culturally diverse populations
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients and their families
- Perform case management responsibilities in a variety of settings
- Discuss the ethics and laws applicable to the human service field
- Write and speak effectively
- Appreciate accomplishments in the arts and sciences

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 62)

General Education		Major	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	HUMS 100 Introduction to Human Services	3
ENGL 102 English Composition II	3	HUMS 120 Social Welfare Programs and Policies	3
SPCH 101 Effective Speaking	3	HUMS 121 Skills and Methods in Human Services I	3
Core A Elective	3	HUMS 122 Skills and Methods in Human Services II	3
Core B PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	HUMS 200 Group Work Practice	3
Core B SOCI 201 Intro to Sociology (D)	3	HUMS 206 Human Development in a Social Environment (D)	3
Core C Elective Math	3	HUMS 215 Fieldwork Practicum	4
Core C Elective Science	3	Transfer Electives	9
Core C Elective	3		31
General Education Transfer Elective	3		
Physical Education & Wellness	1		
	31		

## RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Session		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102	3	Transfer Elective	3	HUMS 200	3	Core C (Science)	3
HUMS 100	3	HUMS 120	3	PE & W	1	HUMS 122	3	Gen Ed Trans. Elect.	3
Core B PSYC 101	3	HUMS 121	3			Core A	3	Transfer Elective	3
Transfer Elective	3	Core B SOCI 201 (D)	3			SPCH 101	3	HUMS 215	4
Core C (Math)	3	HUMS 206 (D)	3			Core C Elective	3		

Effective Fall 2008 all Associate Degree Programs must meet Diversity (D) and Physical Education and Wellness (W) requirements.