

HUMAN SERVICES, Associate in Arts Degree - 5550

Health Careers Division

This program prepares students to work as associate human service professionals who are able to provide direct-service delivery to clients in a variety of community-based social service agencies. 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. The complete program is available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and York Regional Campuses. Some required courses are available at the Gettysburg and Lebanon Regional Campuses.

Career Opportunities

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:

- 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 characteristic 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		Other Required Courses	
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 Elective PSYC 101	3	HUMS 200 Group Work Practice	3		
Core C Elective	3	HUMS 206 Human Development in a Social Environment (D)	3		
Free Electives	15	HUMS 215 Fieldwork Practicum	4		
Physical Education & Wellness	<u>1</u>	SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology (D)	3		
	34	SOCI 205 Race and Cultural Relations (D)	<u>3</u>		
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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 Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102	3	Free Elective	3	HUMS 200	3	HUMS 215	4
HUMS 100	3	HUMS 206 (D)	3	PE & W	1	SOCI 205 (D)	3	Free Electives	9
Core B (PSYC 101)	3	HUMS 121	3			HUMS 122	3		
Free Elective	3	SOCI 201 (D)	3			SPCH 101	3		
Core C Elective	3	HUMS 120	3			Core A Elective	3		

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