

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College Human Services Program News ~~~ Spring 2020

"Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself." Jalal ad-Din Rumi ~ Persian Poet

Rumi's words are appropriate as I write my last Program News to you as your Program Director. I have accepted a position as the Associate Dean of Social Sciences in the School of Liberal Arts at HACC. My new role will begin on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020. I am honored to have served as your Program Director for the past 7 years. As the Human Services program will be moving under the Social Sciences in the School of Liberal Arts, I remain invested in its success and in supporting each of you.

Please enjoy the spring 2020 program news. Below are some items of interest about the HUMS 215 Field Work Practicum, an upcoming MACHS conference, and much more.

For information about our program, see our program webpage:

<http://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Programs/HealthCareers/Human-Service-Social-Services.cfm>

Our faculty wish you a successful semester!

Wendy D. Bratina, Ed.D., Program Director, Human Services Program

Program News

HUMS 215 Field Work Practicum Intent to Enroll - If you are planning to take the practicum in the summer 2020, fall 2020, or spring 2021 semester, please fill out the survey notifying the Practicum Coordinator of your intention to enroll. The link to the survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HUMS_215_Intent This link is also available at the top of our program webpage (listed above). Detailed information is in the Student Handbook at this link: <https://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Programs/HealthCareers/upload/Human-Services-student-handbook.pdf>

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Please fill out the brief survey and then additional instructions will be sent to you.
- We ask that you do NOT submit survey responses multiple times. If your information changes, you may simply email an update to the Practicum coordinator, Melinda Eash, at mmeash@hacc.edu or call her at (717) 780-2371.
- The deadlines below will ensure there will be space for you in the course. The course maximum is 10 students. If there is a need for an additional section of the practicum course based on responses to the survey, we will make every effort to add a section at the campus having a need.
- Students must submit their Intent to Enroll for the Field Work Practicum by **April 15** for the summer semester, **August 1** for the fall semester, and **November 15** for the spring semester.

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Do you need ideas for a **Practicum placement** site? One resource is our Career Services:
<https://www.hacc.edu/Students/CareerServices/index.cfm>

For a list of Career Services events:
<http://www.hacc.edu/Students/CareerServices/CareerEvents/index.cfm>

Are you aware we offer four of our **Human Services courses online**? Our virtual offerings currently include:

- HUMS 108 Drugs & Alcohol: Use & Abuse
- HUMS 120 Social Welfare Programs & Policies
- HUMS 122 Skills and Methods in Human Services II
- HUMS 206 Human Development in a Social Environment

Did you know there are **scholarships** for Human Services program majors? Don't miss out on FREE money! Click here for more information or cut and paste into your browser:
<https://www.hacc.edu/Paying/TypesofAid/Scholarships/index.cfm>

Employment Opportunities

Looking for **employment**? Organizations reach out to HACC students quite frequently. You can find many local opportunities at College Central Network offered through HACC's Career Services at: www.collegecentral.com/hacc

Human Services Club

If you are interested in starting a Human Services Student club at your campus, you are encouraged to speak to your peers or any Human Services faculty member. You should also speak to representatives from the Office of Student Development & Multicultural Programming at your campus to find out about the specific process for beginning a Human Services Club. More information may be found at this link:
<https://www.hacc.edu/Students/GetInvolved/StudentActivities/Harrisburg-Campus-Activities.cfm>

Professional Development

Tau Upsilon Alpha The purpose of Tau Upsilon Alpha National Organization for Human Services Honor Society is to honor academic excellence; to foster lifelong learning, leadership and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity. For information:
<https://nohs.memberclicks.net/about-us-tua>

Conference

MACHS 2020 – March 27-29, 2020 - Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, NY
The 2020 MACHS conference held at Cazenovia College is requesting proposals for workshops as well as student poster board presentation proposals. The theme of the conference is “Trauma in Our Communities: Prevention and Interventions.” Information for the conference is on The National Organization for Human Services (NOHS) website:
<https://www.nationalhumanservices.org/>

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Our Transfer Partners

Elizabethtown College's Department of Social Work invites students to transfer to Elizabethtown College to earn their Bachelor's in Social Work. The new dual admission program allows HACC students to earn their bachelor's degree from Elizabethtown College. Students can even have access to Etown resources while still enrolled at HACC. Students accepted to this program are also able to enroll in courses at Elizabethtown College that are not offered at HACC, but are required for the completion of the Elizabethtown College bachelor's degree. Tuition for up to two of these courses will be waived (<https://www.etown.edu/admissions/hacc.aspx>). Etown strives to offer a financial aid package designed individually for each student, and a recent financial aid study found that the average debt at graduation was lower than most surrounding schools.

Our social work program offers small classes with a high number of field hours, including almost 700 hours of internships in the junior and senior years. Students are easily able to get to know their professors and classmates due to the size of the program. The program can be completed full or part-time and Elizabethtown's reputation and quality of education leads to great outcomes with 100% of the 2019 graduating class having a job or acceptance to an MSW program by graduation. For more information, please contact: Susan Mapp, Ph.D., MSSW, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Social Work, mapps@etown.edu

Elizabethtown College's Human Services degree

The human services major at Elizabethtown College is a flexible adult degree program—all of the major courses are offered online, while core and general electives are offered online, onsite or blended. A wide range of major electives allows students to personalize the program to their unique interests. Additionally, Etown offers a separate major, [Human Services – Behavioral and Addictions Counseling](#)—for those looking for a more specific area of human services. After you complete the accelerated degree program in human services you can immediately work in entry-level, non-licensed positions within an array of human services organizations, or continue to pursue an advanced degree in counseling or a similar field. For more information, go to this link: <http://www.etowndegrees.com/programs/bachelors/human-services.aspx>

Millersville University School of Social Work

Since 1981, the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work program at Millersville University has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, making it the leading social work program in central Pennsylvania. The program curriculum is structured to provide students with valuable classroom experiences as well as experiential learning. In this major, students are required to complete 14 social work courses, two social work electives, four additional related courses, 450 hours of field instruction, as well as 60 hours of community service and life-long learning opportunities. The program is sequenced so that students build upon previous acquired knowledge allowing them to integrate various core social work concepts. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in international experiences, the Learning Institute's Global Well-Being and Social Change lifelong learning opportunities, Legislative Education and Advocacy Day, departmental honors thesis, faculty/student research, and many other opportunities to build a social work professional identity.

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Affirming the mission of Millersville University, a public, liberal arts institution situated in South Central Pennsylvania, the Baccalaureate Social Work Program educates students to be competent, evidence-informed social work professionals who embrace core social work values; enhance human and community well-being promote social, economic, and environmental justice; and advance human rights through generalist social work practice. The University and the Program provide a learning environment that prepares students to work in an increasingly diverse society and to meet contemporary social, cultural, economic, political, and global challenges.

Upon graduation, students are eligible to apply for state licensure, as well as continue their education in a Master's of Social Work graduate program.

Chairperson: Dr. Karen Rice Stayer Hall, Room 307 (717) 871-5297; karen.rice@millersville.edu	BASW Online Degree Completion Coordinator: Dr. Bertha Saldana DeJesus Stayer Hall, Room 318 (717) 871-7350; bertha.dejesus@millersville.edu
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Shippensburg University's Department of Social Work and Gerontology offers students the opportunity to continue their journey in a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree completion program at the Dixon University Center (DUC) in Harrisburg, PA. The BSW Cohort offers small classes for an inclusive, experiential learning environment that promotes collaboration between peers and expert faculty. Cohorts begin every two years.

Visit http://www.ship.edu/pcde/programs/bsw_cohort/ for more information.

The BSW Degree Completion Program is designed for students who:

- Have completed an associate's degree or earned at least 48 transferable credits with a minimum 2.40 GPA
- Want to complete all courses in Harrisburg
- Desire an evening course schedule
- Want a quality education at an affordable cost
- Want to earn a degree within 2.5 years