

HUMAN SERVICES PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The Human Services major leads to the Associate of Science degree, providing students with an understanding of the knowledge and skills related to Social Work, Counseling and related occupations, and prepares students to transfer to four-year colleges or universities to continue their education toward an advanced degree and potential licensure in Social Work or related fields.

Social Workers are counselors, educators and advocates, and work with children, adults and elders in social and welfare institutions by addressing poverty, abuse, and drug and alcohol dependence issues. In a broad sense, the Social Worker's role is to engage the individual, community and society to address issues of social injustice.

Students completing the Associate Degree may be hired as Social Worker Assistants, Residential Counselors, Case Managers, or in similar paraprofessional human services positions. Students completing baccalaureate degrees can find employment in more advanced Social Work, Counseling or related occupations, and those completing graduate degrees will be qualified to pursue licensure as a Clinical Social Worker or Marriage and Family Therapist.

As with all programs, students who intend to transfer to a four-year institution should check with a counselor to determine the transfer institution's specific transfer requirements.

| Required Courses – Major: | | Units |
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| HUS 101 | Introduction to the Helping Profession | 3 |
| or HUS 170 | Introduction to Social Work | 3 |
| HUS 103 | Field Placement and Practicum Seminar | 1.5 |
| or AOD 164 | Field Placement and Practicum Seminar I | 1.5 |
| HUS 152 | Basic Skills for Human Service Workers | 3 |
| HUS 154 | Fundamentals of Interviewing and Counseling | 3 |
| HUS 156 | Case Management and Documentation | 3 |
| HUS 197A | Human Service Worker Practicum | 2 - 8 |
| or AOD 197A | Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program Practicum | 2 - 8 |
| PSY 205 | Introductory Psychology | 3 |
| SOC 200 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Total Major Units | | 21.5 – 27.5 |
| Total Degree Units | | 60 |

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Analyze the importance of ethical behavior, and of technical and cultural competence in the delivery of services in human service-related fields.
2. Accurately describe and analyze the historical and contemporary role of human service-related occupations in their communities and society at large.
3. Describe and analyze the principles and key concepts underlying human service-related occupations.
4. Identify, describe and perform the basic duties and responsibilities of a human services paraprofessional.