

Human Services

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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Length: Four semesters (two years)

Purpose: The curriculum is designed to provide students with a broad foundation in preparation for work in a variety of social service fields. With the increasing demands upon human services agencies for the delivery of specialized services, there is a growing need for trained workers and paraprofessionals with essential skills. Persons seeking their first employment in human services and those presently in such occupations seeking to upgrade their skills may benefit from this curriculum.

Occupational Objectives: Child Care Worker, Rehabilitation Technician, Social Services Aide, Corrections Assistant, Teacher's Aide, Counseling Aide, Adult/Nursing Home Worker

Admission Requirements: A student eligible for admission to the college can normally be considered for admission to the Human Services Associate Degree curriculum. Proficiency in high school English and mathematics is required.

Direct enrollment guidelines using either multiple measures or informed placement will determine a student's placement into college-level English and mathematics courses.

Criminal background or DSS record check may prevent you from participating in a Coordinated Internship, Experiential Learning project, or from obtaining employment in this field.

Program Requirements: The Human Services curriculum consists of courses in psychology, sociology, public services and human services. In addition to these core courses, other courses in general education and related areas are included. Instruction will include both a specialized as well as a general education approach. Upon completion of the four-semester program, the student is awarded the Associate of Applied Science in Human Services.

Notes on Transfer: Associate of Applied Science Degree programs are designed primarily to provide occupational competence for employment. Upon the student's request, courses may be modified to provide possible transfer acceptability by four-year colleges and universities.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
First Semester (Fall)				
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 101	Orientation to College Success	1	0	1
HMS 100	Introduction to Human Services	3	0	3
ITE 119 or ITE 152	Information Literacy or Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	3	0	3
PSY 120	Human Relations	3	0	3
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	3	0	3
Total		16	0	16
Second Semester (Spring)				
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
PBS 265	Interviewing	3	0	3
PLS 135	United States Government and Politics	3	0	3
PSY 235	Child Psychology	3	0	3
SOC 200	Principles of Sociology	3	0	3
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning	3	0	3
Total		18	0	18

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Third Semester (Fall)				
PSY 236	Adolescent Psychology	3	0	3
SOC 215 or HMS 230	Sociology of the Family or Ethics in Human Services ¹	3	0	3
ECO 201 or 202	Principles of Macroeconomics or Principles of Microeconomics	3	0	3
EEE	Degree Related Elective ²	3	0	3
PBS 266	Group Leadership	3	0	3
Total		15	0	15
Fourth Semester (Spring)				
PSY 237	Adult Psychology	3	0	3
HMS 227	Change Agent	3	0	3
SOC 268 or HMS 250	Social Problems or Principles of Case Management ¹	3	0	3
EEE	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3	0	3
Total		15	0	15
Total Minimum Credits for the AAS Degree				64

¹HMS option recommended for students seeking employment in Human Services or transfer in Social work

²Recommended degree related elective is HMS 290. Other options include HMS 122, 145, 251, 252, 258, 270, 230, 260 or PSY 215. Other options include HIS 121, HIS 122.

Students are urged to follow the [recommended pathway](#) for this degree when choosing electives.

Additional approved humanities and social science electives are listed at <http://www.vhcc.edu/GenEdCore>.