

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. Students who are not proficient in English and mathematics will be required to correct their deficiencies in developmental 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 |
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| 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 115 | Information Literacy or Intro. to 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 211 or 212 | United States Government | 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 | Sociology of the Family | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| ECO 201 or 202 | Principles of Economics I or II | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| EEE | Degree Related Elective ¹ | 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 | Social Problems | 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 |

1. Recommended 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>.