

Human Services Advocate

Certificate

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Length: Two semesters (one year)

Purpose: The certificate program in Human Services Advocate is designed to prepare persons for entry into careers which emphasize human relations skills, typically performed in a person-to-person relationship.

Occupational Objectives: Students who complete the program may enter the labor market in jobs which lead to a variety of positions, such as:

- Therapeutic Assistant
- Social Services Liaison
- Case Management Aide
- Client Advocate
- Social Services Para-professional
- Child Care Assistant

Admission Requirements: A student eligible for admission to the college can normally be considered for admission to the Human Services Advocate curriculum. Proficiency in high school English and mathematics is required. Students who are not proficient in English or 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: Approximately three-fourths of the courses will be a core curriculum which is basic for all human services, i.e., general education, occupational-technical, and human relations skills. The remaining courses, along with the coordinated internship, are designed to give the student specialized training for the particular career area which he/she has chosen. Upon completion of the two-semester program, the student will be awarded a Certificate in Human Services Advocate.

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
SOC 200	Principles of Sociology ¹	3	0	3
ITE 115 or ITE 119	Introduction to Computer Applications or Information Literacy	3	0	3
HMS 100	Intro. to Human Services	3	0	3
PSY 120	Human Relations	3	0	3
Total		16	0	16
Second Semester (Spring)				
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning	3	0	3
PBS 265	Interviewing ²	3	0	3
HLT 110	Concepts of Personal and Community Health	3	0	3
EEE or HMS 290	Degree Related Elective or Coordinated Internship ³	3	0	3
Total		15	0	15
Total Minimum Credits Required for Certificate				31

Footnotes:

1. Students may substitute PSY 200.
2. Students may substitute PBS 266 Group Leadership for this course.
3. Students may take any HMS course to meet this requirement or participate in a Coordinated Internship. HMS 290 may be taken after satisfactory completion of the first semester with Faculty Curriculum Advisor approval.