

Human Services

Degree Type

Associate in Science

In the Human Services Program, students develop skills in the areas of supportive counseling, written and oral communication, assessment, planning, asset identification, and community organization. The Program provides a sound theoretical framework used to understand and assist people with differences including the sociology of deviance, disability, and service systems, while recognizing that methods for understanding and helping others are constantly evolving. Opportunities to apply the skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom to real work situations is provided in Practicum courses that require students to work in community settings under the supervision of professionals in the field.

The Human Services Program prepares students to enter occupations in public and private human services agencies; acquire skills and knowledge related to the student's current human services employment; and pursue further studies leading to advanced academic degrees and special certifications.

A Certificate in Human Services provides students with knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for humane and effective work in entry-level positions. The Associate Degree in Human Services, however, prepares students for more advanced positions requiring greater autonomy and a broader range of knowledge and skills. Many students completing the Human Services Program continue their education and obtain bachelor and master level degrees in Human Services and allied professions. Students wishing to specialize in Gerontology can elect to enroll in the Human Services degree with a concentration in Gerontology.

Scholarships may be available for students who are currently working in the Human Services profession. Please contact the Program Coordinator to learn more.

Students who complete the program will:

- demonstrate capacities for systematic analysis, skilled communication, imaginative problem-solving, empathic insight, and a strong sense of accountability to the persons on whose behalf they work.
- need to have emotional stability, the ability to exercise sound judgment, accept direction and guidance from a supervisor or faculty coordinator, establish rapport and maintain sensitive interpersonal relationships with employees, customers, and/or clients and their families.
- works closely in the field with individuals of all ages. Many practicum sites and potential employers perform background checks through the New Hampshire Department of Safety as well as through the Police and possibly the FBI.
- submit to an examination of driving record prior to acceptance and background checks in many circumstances will occur. Applicants, who have been in difficulty with the law, depending upon the nature of the problem, may not be employable or even eligible for practical. Applicants need to discuss these issues in an interview with the Department Chairperson prior to admission to the program.

First Year

Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
ENGL100L	English Composition	4	0	4
HSV110L	Professional Seminar	3	0	3
HSV120L	Introduction to the Human Services Profession	3	0	3
PSYC125L	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
INDL100L	College Essentials	1	0	1
	Mathematics Elective (3 credits)	3	0	3
	Sub-Total Credits	17	0	17

Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
	ENGL124L or ENGL260L	3	0	3
HSV126L	Learning and Behavior	3	0	3
HSV128L	Individual Assessment and Planning	3	0	3
HSV130L	Gerontology	3	0	3
HSV150L	Introduction to the Practicum	1	0	1
SOSC128L	Chemical Dependency	3	0	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16	0	16

Second Year

Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
HSV161L	Human Services Practicum I	2	9	5
HSV221L	Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities	3	0	3
PSYC126L	Human Growth and Development	3	0	3
SOSC235L	Children, Youth and Families	3	0	3
	Sub-Total Credits	11	9	14

Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
HSV228L	Political/Social Issues of Human Services	3	0	3
HSV262L	Human Services Practicum II	2	9	5
PHIL227L	Ethical Issues	3	0	3
	Human Services Elective	3	0	3
	Science Elective with Lab	3	2	4
	Sub-Total Credits	14	11	18
	Total Credits			65