

# HUMAN SERVICES

(CIP 51.1502)

## Associate of Applied Science

The Human Services AAS degree will prepare students for careers in a variety of fields such as, but not limited to, psychiatry, psychology, human services, social work, child welfare, health, family services, criminal justice, substance abuse, education, or working in an environment assisting the homeless. Job titles might include human service worker, case management aide, social work assistant, community support worker, mental health assistant, community outreach worker, life skills counselor or gerontology aide. Working conditions may vary considerably. Some may work in offices, clinics, and hospitals, while other graduates may work in group homes, shelters, day programs or may spend their time in the field visiting clients.

Human service assistants may provide direct and indirect client services. Students will be trained to observe patients and record information, conduct patient interviews, implement treatment plans, employ problem-solving techniques, handle crisis intervention matters, use proper case management and referral procedures, and develop an awareness of elements relative to a multi-culturally diverse community population.

Graduates will have a strong background in the appropriate cores of psychology and sociology; will participate in external learning experiences in a variety of contexts; and will be required to complete a supervised practicum or clinical experience for two consecutive semesters completing 125 hours each semester. Effective communication, ethical protocol, interpersonal, and time management skills will be emphasized throughout the program. Program coursework does address a multicultural emphasis. The AAS degree is designed to facilitate a transition from WCJC to a university or 4-year college with little or no loss of transfer credit giving the student an opportunity to obtain an advanced degree in fields such as human services, psychology, social work, and sociology.

**Note:** Students intending to transfer to a 4-year university should take Natural Science and Government courses.

### College Readiness Courses (if needed)

#### Semester I

COSC 1301 Introduction to Computing  
PSYC 2301 General Psychology

#### Semester II

ENGL 1301 Composition I  
CHLT 1309 Community Ethics  
CHLT 1302 Wellness and Health Promotion  
PSYT 1329 Interviewing and Communication Skills  
SCWK 1321 Orientation to Social Services

#### Semester III

DAAC 1317 Basic Counseling Skills  
DAAC 1319 Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders  
CHLT 1340 Community Health Advocacy  
GERS 1342 Aging and Mental Health  
PSYT 2335 Family Systems

#### Semester IV

MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods  
Humanities/Fine Arts from the AAS General Education Course List

**Semester V**

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| CMSW 1309  | Problems of Children and Adolescents                  |
| PSYT 2164* | Practicum (or Field Experience) – Clinical Psychology |
| PSYT 2345  | Principles of Behavior Management and Modification    |
| GOVT 2305  | Federal Government <b>or</b>                          |
| SOCI 1306  | Social Problems                                       |

**Semester VI**

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| PSYT 2321  | Crisis Intervention   |
| CHLT 2166*   | Practicum (or Field Experience) – Community Health Services/ Liaison/Counseling (Capstone Course) |
| Natural Science/Mathematics from the AAS General Education Course List |   |

**Total Semester Hours – 60**

\*Contact Program Director for permission.