

Social & Human Services - Social Services - Health Sciences



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ABOUT THIS FIELD

The Social Services Pathway within the Social and Human Services program prepares students for a wide range of careers in community-based human services as well as for transfer into Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programs. This pathway focuses on working with individuals, families, and communities navigating social, economic, and systemic challenges.



WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Coursework emphasizes human behavior, social systems, ethical decision-making, cultural humility, communication skills, advocacy, and community resources. Students learn how institutions such as healthcare, housing, education, child welfare, and public assistance impact client well-being. Supervised fieldwork provides hands-on experience in community agencies and service organizations, allowing students to apply classroom learning in real-world human service settings.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Graduates of the Social Services Pathway are prepared for entry-level positions in a variety of community and human service settings, including nonprofit and community-based organizations, department of Social Services (DSS) and public assistance programs, family and youth services, child welfare and protective services support roles, housing and homelessness services, community outreach and advocacy organizations, school and after-school support programs, case management and client support services.

PROGRAM START DATES:

Refer to college catalog for deadline dates

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CLASSES YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) - A45380S

Total Semester Hour Credits: 67

FALL SEMESTER 1

Prefix	Number	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
ACA	111	College Student Success	1	0	0	1
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
HSE	110	Introduction to Human Services	2	2	0	3
HSE	123	Interviewing Techniques	2	2	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
SAB	110	Intro to Addiction & Recovery	3	0	0	3
		Totals	14	4	0	16

SPRING SEMESTER 1

BIO	110	Principles of Biology	3	3	0	4
HUM	115	Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
HSE	223	Counseling Theories and Skills	3	0	0	3
HSE	225	Crisis & Intervention Principles	3	0	0	3
SOC	210	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	0	3
		Totals	15	3	0	16

SUMMER SEMESTER

HEA	110	Personal Health & Wellness	3	0	0	3
HSE	220	Case Management	2	2	0	3
		Totals	5	2	0	6

FALL SEMESTER 2

ENG	114	Professional Research & Reporting	3	0	0	3
HSE	210	Diversity, Ethics and Trends	3	0	0	3
HSE	212	Group Dynamics	3	0	0	3
SWK	110	Introduction to Social Work	3	0	0	3
SWK	113	Cultural Competency and Diversity	3	0	0	3
		Totals	15	0	0	15

SPRING SEMESTER 2

COM	231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
SOC	220	Social Problems	3	0	0	3
SWK	115	Community Resources	3	0	0	3
SWK	220	Ethical Considerations in Social Work	3	0	0	3
WBL	111	Work Based Learning I	0	0	10	1
WBL	115	Work Based Learning Seminar II	1	0	0	1
		Totals	13	0	10	14

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

DIPLOMA - D45380S

Total Semester Hour Credits: 40

FALL SEMESTER 1

Prefix	#	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
ACA	111	College Student Success	1	0	0	1
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
HSE	123	Interviewing Techniques	2	2	0	3
SAB	110	Intro to Addiction and Recovery	3	0	0	3
SWK	110	Intro to Social Work	3	0	0	3
SWK	113	Cultural Competency & Diversity	3	0	0	3
		Totals	14	2	0	16

SPRING SEMESTER 1

HSE	223	Counseling Theories and Skills	3	0	0	3
HSE	225	Crisis & Intervention Principles	3	0	0	3
HUM	115	Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
SWK	115	Community Resources	3	0	0	3
SWK	220	Ethical Considerations in Social Work	3	0	0	3
		Totals	15	0	0	15

SUMMER SEMESTER

HSE	220	Case Management	2	2	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
SOC	210	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	0	3
		Totals	8	2	0	9

CERTIFICATE - C45380S, C45340SP*

Prefix	#	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
HSE	220	Case Management	2	2	0	3
SWK	110	Intro to Social Work	3	0	0	3
SWK	113	Cultural Competency & Diversity	3	0	0	3
SWK	115	Community Resources	3	0	0	3
SWK	220	Ethical Considerations in Social Work	3	0	0	3
		Totals	14	2	0	15

*This certificate or pathway is offered to high school students through the Career & College Promise initiative. Please refer to the Career & College Promise page in this catalog for additional information.