

HUMAN SERVICES, Associate in Applied Science Degree - 5556

Health & Public Service Department

The Human Services AAS program prepares students to work as human service professionals who are able to provide direct-service delivery to clients in a variety of community-based social service agencies. Students are able to select from one of two tracks: the **General Human Services** and **Drug and Alcohol Services**. The General Human Services track promotes a generalist perspective that ensures that students obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in most human service settings. The Drug and Alcohol Services track is more specialized and builds upon that perspective by focusing on a specific client group. The General Human Services track is accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education. Students are required to complete a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, FBI Criminal Background Check, and a State Police Criminal Record Check prior to enrollment into the practicum course. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the Program Director or Practicum Coordinator. Both tracks can be completed at the Harrisburg and Lancaster campuses. The General Human Services Track can be completed at the Gettysburg, Lebanon and York campuses. The Drug and Alcohol Services Track can be completed at the York Campus by taking some courses through Virtual Learning.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program receive the training and education for entry-level positions in a number of social and human service fields, such as family services, women's programs, rehabilitation for alcohol dependency, and services for people with intellectual disabilities.

Competency Profile

General Human Services

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients and their families to plan treatments and/or services
- Perform case management responsibilities in a variety of settings
- Explain the ethics and laws applicable to the human service field
- Recognize the characteristics of culturally diverse populations

Drug and Alcohol Services

The curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients and their families to plan treatments and/or services
- Discuss the use of drugs and alcohol from a historical, social, biological, and psychological perspective
- Discuss the current models of drug and alcohol prevention and treatment
- Conduct effective crisis and brief intervention counseling techniques and strategies
- Identify the symptoms and behaviors that constitute the basis for diagnostic assessments
- Explain the ethics and laws applicable to the drug and alcohol field

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 60)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	HUMS 100 Introduction to Human Services	3	SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology	3
COMM 203 Interpersonal Communication	3	HUMS 108 Drugs & Alcohol: Use & Abuse	3		
Humanities & Arts Elective*	3	HUMS 215 Fieldwork Practicum	$\frac{4}{10}$		
Mathematics or Science Elective (MATH 111)	3				
Social & Behavioral Science Elective (PSYC 101)	3				
First-Year-Seminar Elective	1				
Wellness	$\frac{1}{17}$				

*Students are to select courses from the following: ART 181 or 182; ENGL 206; HUM 101, 115 or 201; MUS 104; PHIL 200; THTR 101; or a foreign language course.

General Human Services Track

HUMS 120 Social Welfare Programs and Policies	3
HUMS 121 Skills and Methods in Human Services I	3
HUMS 122 Skills and Methods in Human Services II	3
HUMS 200 Group Work Practice	3
HUMS 206 Human Development in a Social Environment	3
SOCI 205 Racial and Cultural Relations	3
Program Electives**	<u>12</u>
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Drug and Alcohol Track

HUMS 109 Drug and Alcohol: Issues & Treatment	3
HUMS 122 Skills and Methods in Human Services II	3
HUMS 216 Crisis and Brief Intervention Counseling	3
HUMS 217 Addictions Counseling Interventions	3
HUMS 218 Co-Occurring Disorders	3
HUMS 219 Drug and Alcohol Screening & Assessment	3
HUMS 220 Drug and Alcohol Foundational Counseling Skills	3
Program Electives***	<u>9</u>
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**Students are to select from the following: BIOL 111; CJ 101; ENGL 104 or 106; GERT 211, 215; HUMS 109, 216, 217, 218; PSYC 213, 229; SOCI 202, 203.

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Notes: A minimum grade of C must be earned in all HUMS, PSYC, and SOCI courses. Other elective courses may be substituted upon approval by the Program Director and/or Department Chair.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Human Services General

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
ENGL 101	3	COMM 203	3	HUMS 121	3	Humanities/Arts Elective	3
FYS Elective	1	HUMS 120	3	HUMS 122	3	HUMS 200	3
HUMS 100	3	HUMS 206	3	SOCI 205	3	HUMS 215	4
HUMS 108	3	SOCI 201	3	Program Electives	6	Program Electives	6
Math/Science Elective	3	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3				
Wellness	1						

Drug and Alcohol Services

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
ENGL 101	3	COMM 203	3	HUMS 122	3	Humanities/Arts Elective	3
FYS Elective	1	HUMS 109	3	HUMS 216	3	HUMS 220	3
HUMS 100	3	HUMS 217	3	HUMS 219	3	HUMS 215	4
HUMS 108	3	HUMS 218	3	SOCI 201	3	Program Electives	6
Math/Science Elective	3	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	Program Elective	3		
Wellness	1						