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Human Services

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The Human Services Programs, coordinated by the Health Sciences Department, lead to an Associate in Arts (AA) degree with a special orientation toward the helping professions. Students may select Gerontology or Mental Health. The curricula are designed to prepare students either for career objectives or for transfer to senior colleges.

The Gerontology Program prepares students for careers in neighborhood senior citizens' centers, in nursing homes and in geriatric outreach programs. Gerontology students who transfer to senior colleges can continue their studies in fields such as gerontology and social work.

The Mental Health Program prepares students for careers in social service agencies, community centers, hospitals, and other related institutions. Mental health graduates who transfer to senior colleges can continue their studies in fields such as social work and psychology.

To complete the programs successfully, human services students must earn six credits in supervised internships in an approved human services setting. Internships are not assigned before the second semester. Integration of classroom and work experience is then achieved through a weekly schedule divided between classroom study and field work.

Students who need additional skill development in reading, writing, mathematics, and communication will be required to take basic skills and/or ESL courses. These courses are not listed in the curriculum. The particular courses students must successfully complete are determined by their scores on the college placement test. For more information on basic skills requirements, see page 175.

Description of courses in this major can be found on page 127.

Human Services: Gerontology Curriculum: AA Degree

Counseling

New Student Seminar 0

English: 6 credits

Composition I ENC/G101 3

Writing Through Literature ENG102 3

Humanities: 3 credits

Liberal Arts Elective 3

Math, Engineering & Computer Science: 3 credits

Liberal Arts Elective 3

Natural Sciences: 3 credits

Topics in Biological Science SCB101 3

Health Sciences: 3 credits

Aging and Health SCH111 3

Social Science: 9 credits

Introduction to Sociology SSS100 3

General Psychology SSY101 3

Developmental Psychology II SSY241 3

Human Services: 18 credits

Core Courses: 9 credits

Orientation to Human Services HSC101 3

Principles of Human Relations HSC102 3

Community Dynamics: Impact on Human Services HSN103 3

Gerontology: 9 credits

(Specialization courses must be taken with internships)

Introduction to Gerontological Services HSG150 3

Human Services Roles and Systems HSC135 3

Activities for Human Services Settings HSC130 3

Cooperative Education: 6 credits

Co-op Prep 0

Human Services and Internship Seminar 1 HSC203 2

Mental Health/Gerontology Internship and Seminar 2
HSM204 2

Mental Health/Gerontology Internship and Seminar 3
HSM205 2

Liberal Arts Electives: 9 credits

Any course in Communication Skills; Education and Language Acquisition; English; Human Services; Humanities; Library; Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science; Natural Sciences; or Social Science EXCEPT when noted as unrestricted elective in DegreeWorks or College Catalog. See page 176 for these courses. 9

TOTAL CREDITS: 60

Note: Students should consult with a counselor and/or faculty advisor in the selection of elective courses to ensure maximum transferability of credits taken.

Human Services: Mental Health Curriculum: AA Degree

Counseling

New Student Seminar 0

English: 6 credits

Composition I ENC/G101 3

Writing Through Literature ENG102 3

Humanities: 3 credits

Liberal Arts Elective 3

Math, Engineering & Computer Science: 3 credits

Elementary Statistics MAT120 3

Natural Sciences: 6 credits

Topics in Biological Science SCB101 3

Liberal Arts Elective 3

Social Science: 12 credits

Introduction to Sociology SSS100 3

General Psychology SSY101 3

Developmental Psychology I SSY240 3

Group Dynamics: Small Group Processes SSY260 3

Human Services: 18 credits

Core Courses: 9 credits

Orientation to Human Services HSC101 3

Principles of Human Relations HSC102 3

Community Dynamics: Impact on Human Services HSN103 3

Mental Health: 9 credits

(Specialization courses must be taken with internships)

Survey of Psychological Treatment Approaches HSM120 3

Human Services Roles and Systems HSC135 3

Activities for Human Services Settings HSC130 3

Cooperative Education: 6 credits

Co-op Prep 0

Human Services and Internship Seminar 1 HSC203 2

Mental Health/Gerontology Internship & Seminar 2 HSM204 2

Mental Health/Gerontology Internship & Seminar 3 HSM205 2

Liberal Arts Electives: 3 credits

Any course in Communication Skills; Education and Language Acquisition; English; Human Services; Humanities; Library; Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science; Natural Sciences; or Social Science EXCEPT when noted as unrestricted elective in DegreeWorks or College Catalog. See page 176 for these courses. 3

Unrestricted Electives: 3 credits

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TOTAL CREDITS: 60

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