

Human Services

Program

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Degree Type

Certificate

The Human Services program is a member of the National Organization for Human Services Council for Standards in Human Service Education. The Associate in Science degree in Human Services prepares students to work effectively and knowledgeably with consumers of private and public community-based, human-service delivery systems. As the nation's sensitivity to the needs of all its citizens matures, the demand for skilled human-service workers is rising, jobs in human services projected to grow among the fastest of all occupations.

The Human Services program offers two different tracks: the certificate and the associate degree. The certificate is for learners seeking short-term specialty courses. Students may complete the certificate program in four semesters on a part-time basis.

The associate degree is a two-year program emphasizing theory and clinical practice. Students participate in supervised internships where they gain practical experience working with a specific client population.

Skilled in case management, client assessment, treatment plans, behavioral intervention techniques, and supportive communication skills, graduates are prepared for professional positions as: case managers, outreach workers, advocates, job coaches, vocational instructors, residential counselors, teacher aides, specialized home-care providers, and activities directors. This degree readily transfers to most four-year colleges and universities.

WMCC has a transfer pathway in Human Services with Springfield College and one in the Social Work program at Plymouth State University.

Health Considerations

As per College policy, WMCC students during their learning experiences must not place in jeopardy the safety or health of clients/patients. Therefore, students in field work or clinical practice must demonstrate the emotional stability to withstand the stresses, uncertainties, and changing circumstances that accompany the responsibilities associated with client/patient care. Furthermore, students must possess the emotional stability to exercise sound judgment and to accept directions and guidance from supervisors or faculty members. They must also be capable of establishing rapport and maintaining sensitive interpersonal relationships with employers, clients/patients, and their families.

Additional Requirements

WMCC requires national criminal background checks for all applicants seeking admission into the Human Services program. The cost of the background check is the responsibility of the student. Applicants with criminal records, depending on the nature of these records, may not be eligible for field and internship placement.

Fall Semester

Course Number	Title	Lecture	Lab	Credits
ENGL120W	College Composition	4	0	4
HSV111W	Introduction to Human Services	3	0	3
HSV114W	Case Management	3	0	3
HSV217W	Chemical Dependence	3	0	3
HSV223W	Introduction to Counseling	3	0	3
Sub-Total Credits		16	0	16

Spring Semester

Course Number	Title	Lecture	Lab	Credits
HSV116W	Social and Political Issues in Human Services	3	0	3
HSV117W	Crisis Intervention	3	0	3
HSV125W	Trauma Counseling and Self-Care	3	0	3
PSYC205W	Abnormal Psychology	3	0	3
Sub-Total Credits		12	0	12
Total Credits			28	