

HUMAN SERVICES (A.S.) +

The Human Services program prepares you for entry into the helping professions. You will gain the foundational knowledge and skills needed to work in mental health centers, home health and respite organizations, substance abuse programs, family crisis centers, community development agencies, and other human service programs. Many participants in this program choose to continue their education at the baccalaureate level and beyond.

All associate degrees include completion of general education requirements which, together with program requirements, constitute a minimum of 60 credits. In some cases program requirements also fulfill general education requirements. You may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.

General Education Requirements

Core Competencies

Complete at least one course in each of the following:

- First semester seminar _____
- Technological Literacy _____
- Communication _____
Meets graduation standard in oral communication
- English Composition
ENG 1061 - English Composition
- Mathematics _____
- Research & Writing Intensive _____
ENG 1020 - Introduction to Research Methods

Areas of Inquiry

Complete at least one course in each of the following:

- Scientific Method _____
- Human Expression
PHI 1040 - Introduction to Ethics
- Human Behavior
PSY 1010 - Introduction to Psychology

Integrative Approaches

- Global Perspectives & Sustainability
SOC 2010 - Global Social Problems
- HUM 2010 - Seminar in Educational Inquiry
Meets graduation standard in writing and information literacy
- Quantitative Reasoning Assessment
Meets graduation standard in quantitative reasoning

Program Requirements

Courses are listed in the order in which we recommend you take them.

- SWK 1010 - Introduction to Human Services
- ENG 1020 - Introduction to Research Methods *
- PSY 1010 - Introduction to Psychology *
- PSY 1050 - Human Growth & Development
- SOC 1010 - Introduction to Sociology
or
ANT 1010 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- PHI 1040 - Introduction to Ethics *
- SWK 2010 - Introduction to Case Management
- SWK 2011 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- INT 2860 - Community & Work Experience
- SOC 2010 - Global Social Problems *

Electives: 9 credits

Note(s)

*You may use a course to meet both a program requirement and a general education requirement; however, you may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.

Minimum Total Credits in Degree: 60

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Human Services program will be able to:

- describe methods social scientists use to research, analyze, interpret, and report data in the field of human services;
- demonstrate effective interpersonal communication techniques with diverse populations;
- identify client needs, locate resources, and support individuals as appropriate;
- exhibit professional conduct in a human services organization including legal and ethical responsibilities, roles, and boundaries;
- demonstrate academic skills required of all CCV graduates including competency in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning; and
- explore pathways for educational and career development in the student's field of study.

The Human Services program is great for you if:

- you are interested in learning effective interpersonal communication techniques with diverse populations;
- you are willing to reflect on your experiences and assess the impact of those experiences in working with others;
- you care about making a difference for others and serving the community where you live;
- you want to gain experience, both practical and theoretical, in the area of social services; and
- you are interested in an entry level position in social services.

Key Information and advice for students in the Human Services program:

- Students may complete this program and transfer into a bachelor's degree program in Social Work or Human Services.
- Many students choose to complete the Substance Abuse Services certificate in conjunction with the Human Services degree to broaden their skill set and employment options.
- The required field experience (Community & Work Experience) gives students practical experience in the workplace and can be a stepping-stone to employment and/or provide students with a valuable employment reference.

The Human Services program prepares you for careers such as:

- Personal Care Attendant
- Respite Care Worker
- Advocate
- Community Organizer
- Court Diversion Worker
- Case Manager (bachelor's for upper level positions)

Job outlook in Human Services in the state of Vermont:

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Median Salary</i> | <i>Projected Growth (10 Yrs)</i> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Personal & Home Care Aids | \$22,300 | 45.4% |
| Social & Human Services Assistant | \$29,200 | 7.6% |
| Child, Family & School Social Worker (advanced degree) | \$43,200 | 8.8% |
| Mental Health Counselor (advanced degree) | \$33,600 | 16.6% |

Source: Vermont Department of Labor, <http://www.vtmi.info/oic.cfm>