

Human Services



What is human services?

Human services may be broadly defined as all those systems of services and occupations that concentrate on improving or maintaining the physical and mental health and general well-being of people.

What is social work?

Social work is the professional activity of helping individuals, groups, or communities enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning. This may include helping people with tangible services like food and housing, or providing counseling or psychotherapy services to people in need.

Individuals who excel in this field have excellent communication skills (both written and oral), are organized, are extremely empathetic, and are good at establishing relationships with people.

Why choose HCC?

HCC's human services and social work curricula prepares students to combine knowledge from the social and behavioral sciences with the art of compassion and understanding to assist people in meeting the challenges in their lives.

The human services instructors at HCC are committed to preparing their students to be confident, valuable additions to the workplace. Instructors are constantly in touch with local social agencies to be sure course content is fresh, relevant and comprehensive.

Experiences in the field are offered at community agencies to reinforce the classroom experience. Some of the local agencies that participate are the Community Action Council, Potomac Case Management, CASA, Inc., The Mental Health Center, and the Washington County Health Department.

HCC offers students many financial aid opportunities at the federal and local level. The college also offers a monthly payment plan. By starting at HCC, a student can save thousands of dollars on a four-year degree.

HCC has articulation agreements with Shepherd University and Salisbury University at USMH in downtown Hagerstown. For more information, please call 240-500-2407.



A.S. Degree

Arts and Sciences Human Services Concentration

The transfer program in human services is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution and major in social work. In recent years, students have transferred successfully to Hood College, Shepherd University, Shippensburg University, Salisbury University, and University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. This program has articulation agreements with Shepherd University and Salisbury University. Students should always confer with advisors and transferring institutions for specific requirements that should be completed at HCC prior to completion.

General Education Requirements 31-32 credits

Arts/Humanities
Select two courses from approved General Education course list..... 6

Behavioral/Social Sciences
PSY 101 General Psychology..... 3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology..... 3

Biological/Physical Science
Select two courses from approved General Education course list. One must be a laboratory course 7-8

PROGRAM OPTIONS

- A.S. Degree, Arts and Sciences, Human Services Concentration
- A.A.S. Degree, Human Services Technician
- Letter of Recognition, Human Services

CAREER OUTLOOK

MEDIAN SALARY

\$50K

for social workers

EMPLOYMENT



9% growth over next 10 years
708,100 jobs in the U.S.

(source: bls.gov/ooh)

Diversity

Select one course from approved General Education course list..... 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3
**A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for ENG 101*
ENG 102 Advanced English Composition..... 3

Mathematics

MAT 109 Statistics 3

Program Requirements 15 credits

HST 103 Introduction to Human Services and Social Work 3
HST 201 Understanding Diversity in the Helping Profession 3
HST 207 Social Work with Individuals..... 3
HST 208 Social Work With Groups 3
PSY 204 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan Human Development..... 3

Free Electives

13-14 credits

Electives should be selected in consultation with a transfer advisor and the transfer institution. Some recommended courses are listed below:

ECO 201 Macroeconomic Principles(3)
HEA 103 Personal Health.....(3)
HIS 101 World History to 1500.....(3)
HIS 102 World History Since 1500.....(3)
HIS 201 United States History I.....(3)
HIS 202 United States History II.....(3)
PED 132 Yoga.....(1)
POL 101 American Government(3)
PSY 206 Abnormal Psychology.....(3)
SOC 102 Sociology of Social Problems.....(3)
SOC 105 Juvenile Delinquency(3)
STU 106 Professionalism in the Workplace ..(1)

Degree Requirement60

A.A.S. Degree

Human Services Technician

The Human Services Technician Program provides training for a variety of careers in social services, community self-help, and volunteer agencies at the paraprofessional or technical level. While most of the courses are transferable to a four-year liberal arts program, students who wish to transfer should discuss their career goals with an academic advisor.

General Education Requirements 21-22 credits
Arts/Humanities

Select from approved General Education course list 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences

PSY 101 General Psychology 3

Biological/Physical Science

Select from approved General Education course list 3-4

Diversity

Select one course from approved General Education course list 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3

**A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for ENG 101*

ENG 112 Technical Writing I (3)

Mathematics

MAT 109 Statistics 3

Program Requirements 27 credits

CDC 203 Ethics in Counseling 3

HEA 105 First Aid 3

HST 103 Introduction to Human Services and Social Work 3

HST 201 Understanding Diversity in the Helping Profession 3

HST 207 Social Work With Individuals 3

HST 208 Social Work With Groups 3

PSY 204 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan Human Development 3

PSY 206 Abnormal Psychology 3

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3

Free Electives 11-12 credits

Electives should be selected in consultation with an advisor. Some recommended courses are listed below: If the student is planning on transferring, please review the

A.S. Option in Human Services. **HST 269 - Internship I is strongly recommended for all qualified students.

ADJ	101	Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
BUS	104	Legal Environment of Business (3)
HEA	103	Personal Health (3)
HST	269	Internship I (1-3)
HUM	214	World Religions (3)
MGT	210	Human Resources Management (3)
PSY	216	Social Psychology (3)
SOC	102	Sociology of Social Problems (3)
SOC	103	Criminology (3)
SOC	105	Juvenile Delinquency (3)

Degree Requirement..... 60

Letter of Recognition
Human Services

This sequence of courses prepares students with a basic knowledge of the human service field and may be used to help credential the human service worker currently working in the field.

Program Requirements 6 credits

HST 103 Introduction to Human Services and Social Work 3

PSY 101 General Psychology 3

Restricted Electives 3 credits

HST 207 Social Work With Individuals (3)

OR

Select any Human Services Technician (HST) course 3

(HST 207 is recommended)

Letter of Recognition Requirement..... 9

Note: Students who may have a criminal record need to be aware this could preclude them from employment in this field. Additionally, students need to be aware that excessive prior drug use may prevent their employment in the state of Maryland as well. Please direct questions or concerns to the program coordinator.

“The good social worker doesn’t go on helping people out of a ditch; pretty soon she begins to find out what ought to be done to get rid of the ditch.”

—Mary Richmond,
social work founder



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Recommended Professional Organizations

National Association of Social Workers: www.socialworkers.org

