HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services program leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree and prepares a student to work effectively in any paraprofessional counseling and human service practice. The MSC Associate of Applied Science in Human Services is articulated with the UAA Baccalaureate Degree in Human Services in two plus two sequence. Employing a multidisciplinary approach, the degree objective is to provide a student with a conceptual and skill foundation suitable for successful Human Service practice in both urban and rural settings. Human Service practice requires multicultural understanding and respect of clients through a collaborative relationship founded upon a developmental model. Specific skill courses combined with practica are strengthened through conceptual course work in Human Services, Social Work, Sociology, and Psychology. The program also offers specialized areas in substance abuse, disabilities, general human services, and family and youth. These are coordinated with practicum placements to give a student first-hand experience in his/her desired specialty.

An important part of the Human Services program is advising. Prospective students should contact an academic counselor before entering the program. Entrance into the Human Services Practicum requires admission to the degree, successful completion of specified courses and recommendation of the Human Services Department. Contact the Human Services Department at 745-9757 for an appointment with faculty.

Both the Human Services AAS and BHS are accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Services Education.

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Complete 6 credits from one of the following:
   - Substance Abuse Emphasis
     Complete 6 credits from the following:
     - HUMS A122 Substance Abuse as a Contemporary Problem (3)
     - HUMS A123 Public Education and Prevention in Substance Abuse (3)
     - HUMS A124 Intro to Physiology/Pharmacology of Substance Abuse (3)
     - HUMS A226 Intervention Continuum in Substance Abuse Counseling (3)
     - HUMS A416 Substance Abuse and the Older Adult (3)
     - SWK A471 Addictions and Social Work (3)
   - General Human Services Emphasis
     Complete 6 credits from the following:
     - HUMS/Psy A153 Human Relations (3)
     - HUMS A256 Groups and Organizations (3)
     - HUMS A350 Men and Masculinity (3)
     - PSY A245 Child Development (3)
     - PSY A261 Research Methods in Psychology (4)
     - PSY A345 Abnormal Psychology (3)
     - SOC A202 Social Organization of Society (3)
     - SOC A242 An Intro to Marriage, Family, and Intimate Relationships (3)
     - SOC A246 Adolescence (3)
     - SOC/Psy A453 Application of Stats to Social Sciences (3)
   - General Requirements (6 credits)
     Choose one or a combination of Humanities*, Math, Natural Sciences, or Social Sciences courses. (See Associate Degree Course Classification list on page 77.) Courses chosen must be at the 100-level or above.
     * Any English course used to satisfy the Humanities general requirement must be different from the written communication requirement and have a course number higher than ENGL A111.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete the following required courses: (27 credits):
   - ANTH A200 Natives of Alaska (3)
   - ENGL A211 Academic Writing About Lit (3)
   - PSY A150 Lifespan Development (3)
   - PSY A261 Research Methods in Psychology (4)
   - SWK A471 Addictions and Social Work (3)
   - PSY A245 Child Development (3)
   - SOC A242 An Intro to Marriage, Family, and Intimate Relationships (3)
   - SOC A246 Adolescence (3)
   - SOC/PSY A453 Application of Stats to Social Sciences (3)
   - ANTH A200 Natives of Alaska (3)
   - HUMS A101 Introduction to Human Services (3)
   - HUMS/SWK A106 Introduction to Social Welfare (3)
   - HUMS A223 Intro to Paraprofessional Counseling I (3)
   - HUMS A295A Human Services Practicum I (3)
   - HUMS A295B Human Services Practicum II (3)
   - HUMS A324 Intro to Paraprofessional Counseling II (3)
   - HUMS/SWK A106 Introduction to Social Welfare (3)
   - HUMS A122 Substance Abuse as a Contemporary Problem (3)
   - HUMS A123 Public Education and Prevention in Substance Abuse (3)
   - HUMS A124 Intro to Physiology/Pharmacology of Substance Abuse (3)
   - HUMS A226 Intervention Continuum in Substance Abuse Counseling (3)
   - HUMS A416 Substance Abuse and the Older Adult (3)
   - SWK A471 Addictions and Social Work (3)

2. Complete 6 credits from one of the emphasis areas.

Note: Each Human Services degree requires a 6 credit emphasis area. Selected courses may only be used in one emphasis area.

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Human Services

Graduates of this program are able to:
- Analyze and navigate community based human services agencies, service delivery systems and secure a variety of community resources.
- Utilize a strengths-based approach to working with people and their problems in living.
- Effectively use intervention, and core paraprofessional counseling skills.
- Apply their acquired human services skills in a service agency, to include assessment, interviewing, treatment planning, service delivery, and paraprofessional counseling.
- Demonstrate consolidation of knowledge through three areas of learning including:
  - understanding of an agency, its target population and services delivered, and interaction with their community partners
  - development of their professional selves and identities with appropriate use of supervision
  - application of client/community intervention skills
- Quality for employment in the human services workforce.
- Build on their human services degrees as a foundation for further education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

See Admission to Undergraduate Programs on page 38.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete the General University Requirements for the Associate Degrees listed on page 68.
2. Complete the Associate of Applied Science General Degree Requirements (15 credits).

   Oral Communication Skills (3 credits):
   - COMM A111 Fund of Oral Communication (3)
   - COMM A235 Small Group Communication (3)
   - COMM A237 Interpersonal Comm (3)
   - COMM A241 Public Speaking (3)

   Written Communication Skills (6 credits):
   - ENGL A111 Methods of Written Comm (3)
   - ENGL A122 Technical Writing (3)
   - ENGL A213 Writing in the Social/Natural Sci (3)
   - ENGL A214 Persuasive Writing (3)
   - CIOS A260A Business Communications (3)

   General Requirements (6 credits)

   **Note:** Each Human Services degree requires a 6 credit emphasis area. Selected courses may only be used in one emphasis area.

   - General Human Services Emphasis
     Complete 6 credits from the following:
     - HUMS/Psy A153 Human Relations (3)
     - HUMS A256 Groups and Organizations (3)
     - HUMS A350 Men and Masculinity (3)
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     - SOC/Psy A453 Application of Stats to Social Sciences (3)

   - Substance Abuse Emphasis
     Complete 6 credits from the following:
     - HUMS A122 Substance Abuse as a Contemporary Problem (3)
     - HUMS A123 Public Education and Prevention in Substance Abuse (3)
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     - HUMS A226 Intervention Continuum in Substance Abuse Counseling (3)
     - HUMS A416 Substance Abuse and the Older Adult (3)
     - SWK A471 Addictions and Social Work (3)
Family and Youth Emphasis
Complete 6 credits from the following:

- HUMS A350 Men and Masculinity (3)
- HUMS A416 Substance Abuse and the Older Adult (3)
- PSY A245 Child Development (3)
- SOC A242 An Introduction to Marriage, Family, and Intimate Relationships (3)
- SOC A246 Adolescence (3)

Disabilities Emphasis
Complete 6 credits from the following:

- ASL A101 Elementary American Sign Language I (3)
- ASL A102 Elementary American Sign Lang. II (3)
- ASL A201 Intermediate American Sign Language I (3)
- PSY A445 Strategies of Behavior Change (3)
- PSY A455 Mental Health Services in Alaska (3)

3. Choose 12 credits of electives in consultation with faculty advisor or academic counselor.

4. A total of 60 credits is required for the degree.

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