

Human Services

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services

The education of a human services professional integrates both theory and practice. Students are exposed to basic ideas and concepts in the classroom, and then have the opportunity to put those ideas and concepts to practical use in actual work settings.

Career Opportunities

A human services professional is an agent of change trained to help individuals cope with difficult situations using problem-solving skills and community resources to improve the person's or family's quality of life. Human services workers advocate change. They are trained as generalists, learning how to identify client needs and develop connections with the appropriate human services programs and professionals that can address these concerns on an individual basis.

Human services graduates are employed in entry-level positions in social and human services agencies. Career opportunities exist in halfway houses and group homes; correctional, mental retardation and community mental health centers; family, child and youth service agencies; alcoholism, drug abuse and family violence programs, and programs providing services for the elderly.

Curriculum

Designed to provide a basic college education, the human services curriculum is founded on the concept of critical thinking. Students will learn to evaluate information or situations from different points of view and come to an independent, but reasoned conclusion. The degree program also provides students with basic practical human services skills, such as case management techniques. Students complete courses in psychology, sociology and social work.

The human services degree program includes a 120-hour supervised field experience at a local human services agency, where the student receives real world training to prepare for employment. The two-year degree has been designed to be applied toward four-year degree programs, including BGSU's social work program.

The human services degree program is an excellent way to explore several of the social sciences. It is also well suited to students who want the security of earning a practical degree.

Students pursuing the associate of applied science in human services degree program complete a minimum of 62 credit hours in the following areas:

Communications

Varieties of Writing (3)

BG Perspective

Introduction to Biology (4)
Introduction to Ethics (3)
General Psychology (4)
Natural science elective (3/5)
Humanities elective (3)

Basic Courses

Introduction to Statistics (3)
American Government (3)
Principles of Sociology (3)

Professional Core

Intro to the Social Work Profession (3)
Interviewing/Observation (3)
Diversity, Oppression & Social Justice (3)
Abnormal Psychology (3)
Social Psychology (3)
Lifespan Development (3)
Human Services Practicum (3)
Professional Electives (4 courses)
Select any PSYC or SOC course not already specified, or any CRJU or GERO course.

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Your University Opportunity

BGSU Firelands, located in Huron, Ohio, is a regional campus and one of the seven undergraduate colleges of Bowling Green State University. We offer many of the advantages and resources of a major university, but in a smaller, more personal environment.

Generally, students are able to complete at least two years of coursework toward most of the 200-degree programs at BGSU before transferring to the main campus, or to another college or university.

BGSU Firelands offers students a wireless environment campus wide. Kiosks and public-access computers located in most campus buildings provide easy Internet access. In addition, there are several on-campus computer labs with a variety of computers and software programs.

The library, containing more than 30,000 volumes, is computer-linked to the more than 4 million items available through BGSU's libraries to provide excellent research opportunities.



Academic advisors work individually with students to plan their degree programs and small class sizes allow students to have close, personal contact with their professors. Free tutoring is readily available through the Teaching and Learning Center. Scholarships, grants and loans are available to assist students with tuition.

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