

HUMAN SERVICES

Is Human Services for me?

The field is for you if you ...

- Like to help people.
- Have good communication skills.
- Have patience and compassion.
- Are a good listener.

What skills will I need for this field?

You will need to have ...

- The ability to build rapport quickly.
- Communication skills both written and oral.
- The ability to engage clients in problem solving processes.
- Knowledge of resources for ongoing recovery.
- Awareness of referral resources.

What is the work atmosphere like?

Human service professionals work in a variety of fields including addictions counseling, corrections, developmental disabilities, domestic violence, gerontology, mental health and residential childcare.

In all agencies there is a team atmosphere where multiple disciplines work together in cooperation and supportive spirit.

What are my degree options?

Certificates

Addictions
Applied Gerontology
Domestic Violence
Human Services Generalist
Psychiatric Rehab

**Many people working toward certificates are licensed counselors or have their Master's in Social Work or Counseling.

Associate's Degrees

Addictions Counseling
Applied Gerontology
Corrections
Developmental Disabilities
Domestic Violence
Human Services Generalist
Residential Child Care

Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's degrees are available by transferring to four-year colleges and universities. The C.O.D. Human Services program articulates with National Lewis University and Aurora University.

What are my career opportunities?

Students who successfully complete their classes and clinical experiences can apply for entry-level positions. With a combination of work experience and additional education, they can move into supervisor and management positions. Human Services positions are projected to be one of the ten fastest growing fields for the next decade.

What can I do with these degrees?

If you have completed ...

High School Diploma

Volunteers

Certificate

Assistants

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Assistants

How can I prepare now?

Recommended courses ...

Science

Psychology, Sociology

Communications

Communication

Occupational Electives

Human Services Electives

Bachelor's Degree

Counselors, finish Bachelor's for Human Services and then go on and get Master's in Social Work or Counseling

Master's Degree

Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, Agency Administration

What should I take in my first semester at C.O.D.?

HS 1100: Survey of Human Service Systems

HS 1113: Interpersonal Dynamics

HS 1125: Introduction to Addictions

Whom can I talk to for more information?

Health, Social, and Behavioral Sciences Division
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For more information on the Associate in Applied Science Degree curriculum, see your program coordinator, or go to www.cod.edu.