

(089) Associate in Applied Science

The social service curriculum is designed for students interested in obtaining employment in the broad field of human services. The social service program provides a comprehensive course of study, including human relations, group process, social problems, social work theory, policies, and skill development. Second year students will have an opportunity to apply and expand their knowledge through two supervised, on-the-job, practicum experiences.

Work and Employment

The employment outlook for the trained human services worker is favorable. The social service program prepares students for careers as paraprofessionals in a variety of settings. This degree will train students for employment as technicians in mental health and specialized social service agencies, residential treatment and shelter care facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, and senior and adult day care centers.

Employers will expect graduates to demonstrate skills in documentation, interviewing, assessment, service plan development, cultural awareness, counseling, case management, and resource networking. Employment would be at entry or middle level positions.

Special Considerations

Transfer programs in social work may lead to higher salaries and diverse job opportunities. Some human services courses will transfer to four-year bachelor's programs, but this program is NOT intended for students interested in transferring to a four-year college.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354.

Major Field Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 33

- HSV 101 - Introduction to Human Relations 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 110 - Introduction to Human Services 1, 2 or 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 120 - Introduction to Group Process 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 204 - Social Work Methods 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 210 - Human Services Seminar I 1 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 211 - Human Services Seminar II 1 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 250 - Human Services Practicum I 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 251 - Human Services Practicum II 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 217 - Abnormal Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 251 - Human Sexuality and Marriage 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 112 - Social Problems 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 200 - Introduction to Social Work 3 Semester hour(s)

*Related Requirements:

9 semester hours to be selected from the following list or others as approved by the department.

- CIS 109 - Introduction to Microcomputers - Windows 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 208 - Juvenile Delinquency 3 Semester hour(s)
- ECE 208 - Guidance Principles for Children 0-13 3 Semester hour(s)
- EDU 220 - Students with Disabilities in School 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 111 - Business and Technical Communication 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 130 - Manual Communications I 3 Semester hour(s)

- HSV 131 - Manual Communications II 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 270 - Substance Abuse 3 Semester hour(s)
- PED 115 - Nutrition and Diet Therapy 3 Semester hour(s)
- PED 213 - First Aid 2 Semester hour(s)
- PHL 104 - World Religions 3 Semester hour(s)
- PHL 204 - Contemporary Moral Issues 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 214 - Child Developmental Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 115 - Introduction to Anthropology 3 Semester hour(s)

General Education Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 21

- Communications (ENG 101 and SPE 131 required) 6 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science (PSY 103 and SOC 111 required) 6 Semester hour(s)
- Physical/Life Science (BIO 120 recommended) 3 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Mathematics (MAT 106 recommended or higher MAT course) 3 Semester hour(s)

SVCC Requirement - Sem/Hrs: 1

- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)

Total Hours Required for A.A.S. Degree: 64

Suggested Program

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 14

- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 101 - Introduction to Human Relations 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 110 - Introduction to Human Services 1, 2 or 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 200 - Introduction to Social Work 3 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 18

- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 120 - Introduction to Group Process 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 204 - Social Work Methods 3 Semester hour(s)
- MAT 106 - Applied Mathematics 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 112 - Social Problems 3 Semester hour(s)
- SPE 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 3 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

- HSV 210 - Human Services Seminar I 1 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 250 - Human Services Practicum I 3 Semester hour(s)

- PSY 200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 217 - Abnormal Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 111 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 251 - Human Sexuality and Marriage 3 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

- *Related Requirements 9 Semester hour(s)
- Physical/Life Science 3 Semester hour(s)

- HSV 211 - Human Services Seminar II 1 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 251 - Human Services Practicum II 3 Semester hour(s)

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