The Human Services Program offers two degrees within its general Human Services track. The Human Services Certificate (Certificate 1) provides the foundational knowledge and skills related to the helping professions. The certificate, which includes a 300-hour field practicum, is designed especially for those students who may have education or work experience from another field or discipline who desire to enter the human services field. The second degree within the concentration is an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Human Services. This degree provides a broad base of knowledge and skills needed for entry-level helping professionals.

Human service professionals are motivated by helping others. Effective professionals are patient, have empathy and compassion for others, and enjoy giving of themselves and working with others. Human service professionals should also be able to manage their time well and possess effective communication skills. Because of the nature of the work in this field, professionals should be mature, stable and dependable.

Many graduates work one-on-one with clients in direct care positions, while others work behind the scenes or in administrative or management positions. Human service professionals work in government- or state-funded agencies, in non-profit agencies, in residential treatment programs and hospitals, and in private offices or agencies.

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Human Services AAS: General Human Services Track

Certificate I
31 Credits

Orientation to Social Services
Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders
Counseling Theories
Basic Counseling Skills
Family Intervention Strategies
Behavior Modification w/Cognitive Disorder
Dynamics of Group Counseling
Abnormal Behavior
Technical Elective
Clinical - Alcohol/Drug Counseling OR
Internship - Social Work

AAS Degree
60 Credits

CMSW, DAAC, GERS Elective (3)
Composition and Rhetoric I
General Psychology
Principles of Sociology
Any One Credit Hour Physical Activity Course
Natural Science
Introduction to Computers
Federal Government
OR
Texas Government
Public Speaking
OR
Interpersonal Communication
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective

Corporate College
Professional development opportunities are available for additional training and licensure.

Representative career titles and job positions for this program plan include:
- Client Advocate
- Case Management Aide
- Caseworker

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2Position titles vary by employer and location.

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