The Human Services program offers two degrees within its substance abuse counseling concentration. The Basic Chemical Dependency Counseling Certificate (Certificate 1) provides the foundational knowledge and skills related to the substance abuse counseling field. The certificate, which also includes the state-mandated 300 hour field practicum, allows graduates to apply with the state of Texas to become Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LSCD) Interns. LCDC Interns are permitted to begin working in the substance abuse counseling field in entry-level positions. Completing the second degree offered within this concentration, the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, places graduates on the path to become fully licensed at LCDCs once they have completed all of their Intern requirements.

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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