

Department of Developmental Services Direct Support Certificate in Human Services

College-approved Certificate

This academic map is a suggested semester-by-semester guide to keep you on a clear pathway to program completion. Your academic advisor will provide you with clear direction needed to stay on course and discuss scheduling options with you. Taking courses not reflected on this map may result in courses not counting toward the completion of your requirements.

| Semester 1 | | Credits |
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| HSRV 101 | Introduction to Social Welfare | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HSRV 103 | Group Dynamics | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HSRV 221 | Special Topics in Human Services  | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HSRV 222 | Developmental Disabilities | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HSRV 405 | Field Experience and Seminar in Human Services I | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ENGL 101 | English Composition I | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PSYC 101 | General Psychology | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |

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CONGRATULATIONS
You've Arrived!

About Developmental Courses

Developmental courses do not satisfy graduation requirements, but they are required for those who place into them and will appear on the student's transcript. Placement into one of the following courses indicates that a student needs additional preparation before enrolling in college-level courses:

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| ENGL 091 | Preparing for College Reading I | ENGL 092 | Preparing for College Reading II |
| ENGL 095 | Reading and Writing Seminar | ENGL 099 | Introductory Writing |
| MATH 001-003 | Prep College Math I-III | MATH 010 | Fundamentals of Mathematics |
| MATH 060 | Math Literacy | MATH 011 | Introductory Algebra |
| MATH 012 | Intermediate Algebra | | |

Milestones

Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of HSRV 101 Introduction to Social Welfare, HSRV 102 Interviewing Techniques, and HSRV 103 Introduction to Group Dynamics, you are eligible to participate in the Seminar and Field Experience in Human Services.

Route to Success

Summer and/or Winter Session classes may be available for your program to help you finish on time. See your advisor and/or visit the online course search for availability.

Ready to Go

Courses have no prerequisites or developmental courses.



Semester-specific Course Offerings

Courses are not offered all semesters.

Minimum Grade Requirement

Students must earn a minimum grade to remain in the program.



Electives

For details on eligible electives, please see reverse.



Taking **15 credits/semester** or **30 credits/year** will help you stay on track to finish your degree in two years.

Program Notes

This College-approved certificate consists of 22 college-level credits. Major topics include the organization and history of the social welfare system, the dynamics and skills of effective group work, effective oral and written communication, interpersonal relations and supportive counseling skills, and work site certification. National Skills Standards for Human Service Workers will be integrated into the curriculum. The certificate is designed to strengthen writing, problem solving, and critical thinking skills by utilizing reading assignments and discussions of daily experiences, challenges and concerns of direct support workers.

Direct support workers who are employed at an agency under contract with DDS, with a GED or high school diploma, and who have the support of their employer, are eligible to apply. Applicants are accepted into the program on an ongoing basis.

The certificate program is a special opportunity for direct support workers to attend college courses as a group and to learn and practice competencies and skills that are important to their daily work. In addition, the credits earned for the certificate may be applied towards an associate degree in the Human Services program.

Begin advising process with program coordinator.

Consider making an appointment with Academic Advisement and Counseling to discuss continuing your studies toward an AA degree in Human Services or becoming a dually enrolled student to obtain your Direct Support Certificate and Associates degree simultaneously.

Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of HSRV 101 Introduction to Social Welfare, HSRV 102 Interviewing Techniques, and HSRV 103 Introduction to Group Dynamics be sure to obtain the Seminar and Field Experiences in Human Services Manual.

Some courses may have prerequisites, which are courses that **must** be taken prior to a particular course. For details, log into DegreeWorks through your MyMassasoit portal.

A minimum of 22 credits and 7 courses is required for completion. The same course may not be used to satisfy two different course requirements.

After Graduation/Completion

The credits earned for the certificate can be applied towards an associate degree program and later transferred to a bachelor's degree.

The certificate is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of direct support workers in DDS settings and serves as a quality standard to further professional development and career advancement.

Resources for Academic Success at Massasoit

All College phone numbers are 508-588-9100 + extension.

Registrar's Office

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| Brockton | A240, Upper Level | x1949 |
| Canton | Enrollment Center | x2677 |
| Middleborough | Main Office | x4002 |

Testing & Assessment

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x1991

Financial Aid

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| Brockton | A131A, Lower Level | x1479 |
| Canton | Enrollment Center | x2008 |

Advisement & Counseling Center

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| Canton | First Floor, C120 | x2677 |
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Academic Resource Center

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| Brockton | Student Center, Lower Level | x1801 |
| Canton | First Floor, C126 | x2516 |
| Middleborough | Main Office | x4002 |

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Resources for Future Planning

Transfer Services

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Career Services

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