

Degree in Human & Social Services - Career

Program Details

Massasoit's Associate in Science in Human & Social Services Career maximizes students' opportunities for entry-level, professional job placement directly after graduation by emphasizing skill-building course work and practicum experiences.

Students in the Human & Social Services Career program develop the knowledge and attitudes required to work effectively with people in a wide variety of professional settings.

Past graduates have found careers in nursing homes, mental health and developmental disability settings, day care centers, youth programs, alcohol and drug treatment programs, and in other social service agencies. Because many career paths within and outside of these professions require education beyond the associate degree, more than half of Massasoit Human & Social Services graduates transfer to four-year colleges and universities to pursue bachelor's degrees.

Graduates earn an Associate in Science Degree.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Human & Social Services Department's Transfer and Career Options will:

- Develop and maintain effective working relationships with clients, colleagues and supervisors.
- Identify, interpret, and adhere to ethical standards for professional behavior.
- Work together with individuals and groups to assess needs, promote strengths, manage problems, set goals, develop or access resources, and implement and assess action plans.
- Communicate effectively, orally, and in writing.
- Develop and implement activities for personal and professional growth in order to maintain professional competency and currency, manage stress, and enhance satisfaction and job performance.
- Evidence civic engagement in their geographical communities or in "communities of affinity" through varied affiliations and activities, (including, but not limited to their placement in community agencies for their field experience course or courses), or via social media experiences.
- Graduates will also successfully transfer to Baccalaureate Degree programs within and beyond Massachusetts.

Career Option Graduates will also

- Be able to obtain and successfully perform within a variety of entry-level helping positions in areas such as mental health, developmental disabilities, services to children, youth and families, addictions treatment, social services, and gerontology.

Academic Map

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A minimum of 20 classes and 62 credits is required. At least 16 credits of your program must be taken at Massasoit. Note: Each course completed and passed can only fulfill one program requirement. The same course cannot be used to satisfy multiple program requirements.

Semester 1

3 Credits in HSRV 101
Introduction to Social Work/Human Services
3 Credits in HSRV 103
Group Dynamics
3 Credits in ENGL 101
English Composition I
3 Credits in SOCI 104
Principles of Sociology
3 Credits in Math elective

Semester 2

3 Credits in HSRV 102
Counseling Techniques
3 Credits in HSRV

Human/Social Services elective
3 Credits in ENGL 102
English Composition II
3 Credits in PSYC 101
General Psychology
3 Credits in SPCH 105
Speech Communication

Semester 3

3 Credits in HSRV 105
Human/Social Services Practice
4 Credits in HSRV 405
Seminar and Field Experience in Human Services I
3 Credits in Human/Social Services elective
3 Credits in GOVT 200
State and Local Government
3 Credits in Psychology or Sociology elective

Semester 4

3 Credits in HSRV 107
Fostering Equality and Diversity
4 Credits in HSRV 406
Seminar and Field Experience in Human Services II
3 Credits in Human/Social Services elective
3 Credits in Science elective
3 Credits in General elective

This academic map is a suggested semester-by-semester guide to keep you on a clear path to program completion. Please note that some classes are offered only in certain semesters, have prerequisites, or minimum passing grades. Winter and/or Summer Session classes may be available for some classes. 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.

Advisory Committee

This committee is composed of professionals from social work, mental health, community outreach, and human services organizations who collaborate with faculty and staff to ensure our programs remain responsive to the evolving needs of individuals, families, and communities. By offering guidance on curriculum development, field placement opportunities, and emerging trends in the human services field, the committee plays a vital role in preparing students to become compassionate, skilled, and effective practitioners. Together, we are committed to fostering student success and strengthening the social fabric of our communities.

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- **Robert Biela**
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