

HUMAN SERVICES (A.S.)



The Human Services program prepares you for entry into the helping professions. As a learner in this program you will gain the foundational knowledge and skills needed to work in mental health centers, home health and respite organizations, substance abuse programs, family crisis centers, community development agencies, and other human service programs. Many participants in this program choose to continue their education at the baccalaureate level and beyond.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ENG-1020 - Introduction to Research Methods*
- PSY-1010 - Introduction to Psychology*
- SWK-1010 - Introduction to Human Services
- SWK-2011 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- PHI-1040 - Introduction to Ethics*
- SWK-2010 - Introduction to Case Management
- SOC-1010 - Introduction to Sociology *or*
ANT-1010 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- EDU-2860 - Community & Work Experience

Electives – 12 credits

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Core Competencies

- First Semester Seminar

- Technological Literacy

- Communication
Meets graduation standard in oral communication

- English Composition
- Mathematics

- Research & Writing Intensive
ENG-1020 - Introduction to Research Methods

Areas of Inquiry

- Scientific Method

- Human Expression
PHI-1040 - Introduction to Ethics
- Human Behavior
PSY-1010 - Introduction to Psychology

Integrative Approaches

- Global Perspectives & Sustainability

- Seminar in Educational Inquiry
Meets graduation standard in writing & information literacy
- Quantitative Reasoning Assessment
Meets graduation standard in quantitative reasoning

*You may use a course to meet both a program requirement and a general education requirement; however, you may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.

MINIMUM TOTAL CREDITS IN DEGREE: 60

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Human Services Program Outcomes

Successful graduates will be able to:

- recognize the role of psychosocial, biological, cultural, and religious diversity within the context of the human experience;
- describe how theories, policies, and practices connected to the field of human services have changed over time;
- practice effective interpersonal communication techniques with a variety of populations;
- advocate for client needs and locate resources as appropriate for specific populations;
- practice and maintain professional conduct in a human services organization, including legal and ethical responsibilities, roles, and boundaries;
- describe factors (psychological, social, cultural, and environmental) that affect human behavior;
- demonstrate some of the ways in which social scientists research and interpret evidence about human experience;
- recognize the difference between empirical facts, cultural beliefs, and theoretical statements;
- demonstrate academic skills required of all CCV graduates including competency in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning;
- identify their career and transfer options and assume a professional role in the workplace.

How & Why Our Degree Works

The Human Services program is flexible, giving you the opportunity to specialize in areas of particular interest to you, and works well for students wishing to pursue their education beyond an associate's degree. In addition, our certificate in Substance Abuse Services may be embedded directly into the program for a more focused degree. Human Services is a popular program available both online and at all CCV locations. Finally, a required field experience course allows you to work directly with an agency or organization delivering services.

Career Opportunities

As a human services professional, you'll be working in an atmosphere of engaged and committed professionals. CCV graduates work for both public and private service institutions, in such positions as community advocate, substance abuse counselor, social worker, case manager, probation officer, vocational and life skills counselor, activities director, personal companion, and child welfare and family services coordinator.

Transfer Options

CCV's Human Services degree transfers seamlessly into other Vermont State Colleges programs in psychology, sociology, and social work at Castleton, Johnson, and Lyndon State. We also have transfer agreements with the University of Vermont. Other Vermont colleges that are popular with CCV graduates are:

- Burlington College
- Champlain College
- Green Mountain College
- College of St. Joseph
- Marlboro College
- Saint Michael's College
- Springfield College
- Union Institute & University

"There are many great opportunities within the human services field, and those with a formal educational background are very much in demand. Sound training in human services is vital if we are to have an improved way to deliver accessible, respectful, coordinated services across the wide range of community, family and individual needs."

— Sara Kobylenski, Field Director, Hartford District, Vermont Agency of Human Services

For more information visit www.ccv.edu, call 800-CCV-6686 or your local CCV office.

CCV is committed to non-discrimination in its learning and working environments for all persons. All educational and employment opportunities at CCV are offered without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability.

"Being professionally trained to help others is the greatest reward in life."

— Michael Richman, CCV faculty
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