



Human Services Certificate

Program: Human Services

Program Code:

HV

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

CIP Code:

44.0000

Program Statement

The Human Services Certificate attracts a diverse student population who share a common desire to work with and help people. This 24 credit Certificate provides academic, theoretical and skills-based knowledge to obtain an entry-level position in human services or an upgrade of existing professional knowledge, for those already working in the field.

Program Mission Statement

Bristol Community College's Human Services Program provides an accessible, innovative, and inclusive education which prepares ethical and socially responsible graduates to serve individuals, groups and communities by respecting the dignity and welfare of all people, promoting self-determination, honoring diversity, advocating for social justice, and being catalysts for shaping a just, humane and sustainable world.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate ethical and professional practice through a culturally competent framework with a variety of populations in diverse settings.
- Using a social justice lens, students identify the connections between social welfare policies and the delivery of and access to social services.
- Demonstrate helping skills to engage in culturally responsive practice with clients.
- Examine personal biases, values, beliefs and experiences and the impact they have on assessing clients, building impartial relationships, and providing services.
- Use a multidisciplinary lens to assess clients in their environment and provide relevant services.

Program Information

- All courses in the Certificate apply to the Associate in Science in Human Services degree.
- SER 291 includes a 125 hour supervised agency internship that places special time demands on students and is ideally taken in the last year of study. A criminal background check (CORI and/or SORI) and/or drug test may be required by and at the discretion of the field experience host location prior to participation in the field experience.
- Faculty will work individually with students to select the best field experience for each student's background, but please know placement sites may be limited.
- Consider applying for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).



After Bristol

Students who graduate with this Certificate can obtain positions as entry-level human services providers. Students may also continue at Bristol to earn the Associate in Science in Human Services degree.

Program Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
	PSY 255 or SOC 212	3
SER 101	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SER 225	Social Work Issues: Diversity and Oppression	3
SER 251	Generalist Practice in Human Services	3
SER 290	Pre-Internship Skills, Planning and Success	1
SER 291	Field Experience and Seminar	5

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

Course #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
SER 101	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
	PSY 255 or SOC 212	3
SER 225	Social Work Issues: Diversity and Oppression	3
SER 251	Generalist Practice in Human Services	3
SER 290	Pre-Internship Skills, Planning and Success	1

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

Course #	Title	Credits
SER 291	Field Experience and Seminar	5
	Total credits:	24



Category Descriptions

PSY 255 or SOC 212

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
PSY 255	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC 212	The Sociology of Social Problems	3