



Human Services

Program Code:

HS

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Associate in Science

Program Statement

The Human Services program attracts a diverse student population who share a common desire to work with and help people. The Human Services program provides the academic coursework and field experience necessary for successful, entry-level careers in human services, as well as a strong foundation for transfer to colleges and universities with bachelor's programs in social work, human services or other related majors. Combining coursework in general education, natural sciences, social sciences and humanities with human services courses, students gain knowledge of the field and develop professional skills and engage in learning opportunities to help them develop as culturally competent and ethical practitioners. Graduates are trained as generalists to work with communities, families, seniors, adults, adolescents and children in a variety of settings with a commitment to social justice. This 61-63 credit program has been developed to align with the MassTransfer Human Services to Social Work Pathway.

Program Information

- 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.
- Choose courses and electives with Department Chair or Human Service Faculty to maximize transfer credits.
- Add a Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling, Gerontology, Thanatology, Gender and Race Studies or Deaf Studies to enrich career preparation.
- Consider applying for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

After Bristol

- The most popular transfer choices include Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programs or Bachelor in Human Services at Bridgewater State University, Rhode Island College, UMass Global, UMass Boston, William James College, and Lesley University and psychology or sociology at UMass Dartmouth. Work with the Department Chair or Human Services Faculty early to select courses to maximize transfer possibilities.
- Bristol participates in the statewide MassTransfer program and has developed many program-to-program transfer articulation agreements which guarantee admission and credit transfer. For a complete listing of eligible MassTransfer programs, current Bristol articulation agreements, and to complete an A2B Program Search, visit the Transfer Services website to review which credits will be transferred and applied to your degree.



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

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate ethical and professional practice through a culturally competent framework with a variety of populations in diverse settings.
- Using a social justice lens, 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.

Degree Requirements

General Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
SER 102	College Success Seminar for Human Services	1
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
PSY 255	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
BIO 111	General Biology I	4
COM 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
PHL 111	Introduction to Logic	3
MTH 119	Fundamental Statistics	3

Elective Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
	History Elective	3
	Focused Elective	3
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	Focused Elective	3
	MassTransfer Natural or Physical Science Elective	3-4



Program Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
SER 101	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SER 225	Social Work Issues: Diversity and Oppression	3
SER 251	Generalist Practice in Human Services	3
PSY 281	The Effects of Drugs on the Body & Mind	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
SER 102	College Success Seminar for Human Services	1
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
SER 101	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
	COM 104 and/or History Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
	MassTransfer Natural or Physical Science Elective	3-4
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
PSY 255	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
SER 225	Social Work Issues: Diversity and Oppression	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Summer

Course #	Title	Credits
	MTH 119 or BIO 111	3-4
	Focused Elective, PHL 111 or History Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

Course #	Title	Credits
	PHL 111 or Focused Elective	3
SER 251	Generalist Practice in Human Services	3
PSY 281	The Effects of Drugs on the Body & Mind	3
	MTH 119 or BIO 111	3-4
SER 290	Pre-Internship Skills, Planning and Success	1



Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

Course #	Title	Credits
SER 291	Field Experience and Seminar	5
	PHL 111 or Focused Elective	3
	Focused Elective	3
	Focused Elective	3
Total credits:		62-63

Category Descriptions

History Elective

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
HST 111	The West and the World I	3
HST 112	The West and the World II	3
HST 113	United States History to 1877	3
HST 114	United States History from 1877	3
HST 265	Immigration and Ethnicity in American History	3

Focused Elective

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following: any ASL, CRJ, DST, ECE, ECN, EDU, GVT 111, GVT 251, PSY, SAC, SER, SOC, or a World Language.

Consult with your advisor for choosing elective(s) that will meet your educational goals and requirements.

MassTransfer Natural or Physical Science Elective

Credits: 3-4

Choose one MassTransfer Natural or Physical Science elective.