



Human Services

CERTIFICATE / ASSOCIATE DEGREE



The purpose of Great Basin College's Human Services Program is to provide students with both theoretical and experiential learning opportunities in classroom, and in human services agency environments within the community. This program combines field practicum experiences with interactive

coursework, so that students can apply learned skills, and receive reflective feedback. Additionally, students are invited to explore the vast number of diverse areas of employment in helping professions.

The Associate of Applied Science Degree and the Certificate Program are designed to prepare students for employment in social services agencies, mental health centers, correctional institutions, substance abuse treatment facilities, educational organizations, medical care facilities, and in many other settings. Students may also pursue professional careers that require additional education and/or specialized training in related fields. Core courses may be used as electives, and/or prerequisites for entrance requirements for Social Work, nursing, business, or other professional programs.

The Human Services Program courses offer a generalist overview of human services functions, while providing specific training for interpersonal skill development. Human Services professionals who wish to enhance existing skills, are invited to take courses and/or enter the Program. Students may choose to begin their studies in the Certificate Program, and later apply the core program requirements toward the Associate's degree.



There are no program prerequisites or prior coursework requirements needed to register for the entry level courses.

The Human Services curriculum goals includes instruction in the following skills:

- Performing social services interventions, assisting people with realizing maximum levels of functioning.
- Exploring the history and evolution of the human services movement, applying the concepts of managed care and advances in technology to models of human service delivery in society, and in Nevada.
- Providing direct and/or indirect client support services with kindness, patience, caring, while demonstrating an understanding of issues common to the human condition.
- Acting with appreciation for human individuality, demonstrating respect for people of diverse cultural backgrounds, acknowledging the rights and dignity of all while rendering services.
- Engaging in reflection in terms of self-evaluation, human services skills development, professional effectiveness, and personal stress management.

Certificate of Achievement: Substance Abuse Counselor Training

The Certificate of Achievement in Substance Abuse Counselor Training provides opportunities to develop knowledge and skills related to addictions counseling.

Completion of this academic program does not certify students to practice as a substance abuse or gambling addictions counselor in Nevada,

but courses may be applied toward meeting state licensing and/or continuing requirements. To accommodate students who require distance education, courses are offered online, via interactive video and/or by independent study as determined on a case-by-case basis.



**Certificate of Achievement in Human Services
Summary of Requirements**

First Semester

INT 100	GBC Orientation	0.5
ENG 101 or 107*	English Requirement	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
HMS 101	Introduction to Human Services	3
HMS 102	Introduction to Counseling	3
CPD 116	Substance Abuse Fundamentals	3
Total		15.5

Second Semester

SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
MATH 116 or 120**	Math Requirement	3
IS 101	Introduction to Information Systems	3
HMS 106	Human Services Practicum I	5
HMS 200	Ethics in Human Services	3
Total		17

Certificate Program Total 32.5

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Second Semester

HMS 105	Substance Abuse Counseling Methods	3
HMS 107	Small Group Interaction Techniques	3
HMS 200	Ethics in Human Services	3
MATH 116 or 120**	Math Requirement	3
IS 101	Introduction to Information Systems	3
Total		15

Certificate Program Total 30.5

* ENG 101 is recommended, as these courses are required for social work, nursing, radiology, and/or other degree programs.
**Math 120 is recommended, as it is required for social work, nursing, radiology, and/or other degree programs.

At least 15 hours of coursework must be successfully completed at Great Basin College (GBC). Substitutions/credit for prior, equivalent coursework may be permitted, at the discretion of the Program Coordinator; and/or the GBC Registrar. An overall 2.0 average is required for completion of a certificate of achievement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please check with the Nevada Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors (or counselor licensing/certification boards in other states, if applicable) about the acceptability of academic coursework PRIOR to enrolling in any course, as individual or state licensing and/or certification requirements may vary. Also, check with individual licensing/certification boards before registering for courses to be used for professional continuing education credit.

**AAS Degree in Human Services
Course of Study by Year**

FALL

First Semester

INT 100	GBC Orientation	0.5
ENG 101* or 107	English Requirement	3
MATH 116 or 120 or higher**	Mathematics Requirement	3
HMS 101	Introduction to Human Services	3
HMS 102	Introduction to Counseling	3
CPD 116	Substance Abuse Fundamentals	3
Total		15.5

SPRING

Second Semester

ENG 102* or 108	English Requirement	3
PHIL 102	Critical Thinking and Reasoning	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
HMS 200	Ethics in Human Service	3
HMS 106	Human Services Practicum I	5
Total		17

FALL

Third Semester

BIOL 100	General Biology for Non-Majors	3
IS 101	Introduction to Information Systems	3
HMS 107	Small Group Interaction Techniques	3
HMS 206	Human Services Practicum II	5
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
Total		17

SPRING

Fourth Semester

HDFS 201	Human Growth and Development	3
HMS 250	Human Services Seminar	3
PSY 208*	Psychology of Human Relations	3
PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics	3
Total		15

Degree Program Total 61.5

*Suggested if transferring to the Social Work Program (BSW degree)

Getting Started

- Contact Admissions and Records for admission procedures at 775.753.2102.
- Complete an official application for admission.
- Request that your official transcripts be sent to GBC.
- Contact Human Services faculty for advisement at 775.753.2301.

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