

Human Services

Introduction

The Human Services AAS degree and certificate of achievement programs share a common core, so that students may easily complete course requirements for certificate and degree pathways. Human services programs offer a generalist overview of human services work, an opportunity for personal enrichment, and practical opportunities for human relationship skills development. The substance abuse counselor training certificate program contains academic coursework in specific counseling and communication skills necessary for students preparing for work in the education, prevention, and treatment of addictions.

The human services programs are designed to prepare students for employment in social service agencies, mental health centers, correctional institutions, substance abuse treatment facilities, community health education organizations, and other work settings where effective, client interactions are essential.

The Human Services AAS degree program courses offer opportunities for the practical application of learning through job shadowing, and intensive community field experiences within human services organizations.

Coursework may be used as electives, or for continuing education by students or professionals in areas such as education, social work, substance abuse treatment, counseling, nursing, radiology, emergency medical care, and business.

Entry-level courses have no prerequisites. Students may begin at any time by registering for classes. Students must successfully complete an application process and the practicum course prerequisite requirements in order to register for the human services practicum courses. Academic advising prior to starting any course of study is highly encouraged. Most coursework may be completed online, through interactive video, and/or by independent study on a case-by-case basis.

Upon successful completion of the Human Services AAS degree program students will:

- Perform client-centered, social services assessments and interventions.
- Provide client services which reflect cultural competence, respect for social diversity, and the application of the principles of the Human Services Code of Ethics.
- Demonstrate leadership, collaborative, and problem-solving skills.
- Apply the principals of human services based on knowledge of human development and functioning throughout the lifespan.
- Identify current trends, topics, and issues in human services professions.
- Engage in personal reflection as related to human services skills, professional effectiveness, and stress management.

To arrange an advising appointment, contact the Nursing Department at 775.753.2301 or call the Pahrump Valley Center at 775.727.2000.

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Certificate of Achievement – Substance Abuse Counselor Training

Student Learning Outcomes

The substance abuse counselor training certificate program is designed to prepare students for employment in social services agencies, mental health centers, correctional institutions, rehabilitation facilities, community health education organizations, and other settings which involve substance abuse/addiction education, prevention, and/or intervention and treatment. Coursework may be used as electives or for continuing education by students or professionals in education, corrections, law enforcement, and the justice system, addictions counseling and treatment, social work, nursing, radiology, or emergency medical care.

Each of the human services programs share a common core, so that students may easily complete the AAS degree in human services. Entry-level courses have no prerequisites. Students may begin at any time by registering for courses. However, academic advising prior to beginning any course of study is highly encouraged. Most coursework may be completed online, through interactive video, and/or by independent study on a case-by-case basis.

Upon successful completion of the degree program students will:

- Perform client-centered, social services assessments and interventions.
- Provide client services that reflect cultural competence, respect for social diversity, and the application of the principles of the Human Services Code of Ethics, and standards of practice for substance abuse counselors.
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills.
- Apply the principals of human services and addiction treatment based on knowledge of human development and functioning throughout the lifespan.
- Engage in personal reflection as related to skills, professional effectiveness, and stress management.

General Education Requirements	Credits
GBC Orientation	0.5
English/Communications	3
ENG 100 or 101	
Mathematics	3
MATH 116, 120, 126 or higher*	
Human Relations—HMS 200 (required)	3
Technology—IS 101 (required)	3

Program Requirements		Credits
CPD 116	Substance Abuse: Fundamental Facts and Insights	3
HMS 101	Introduction to Human Services	3
HMS 102	Introduction to Counseling	3
HMS 105	Substance Abuse Counseling Methods ..	3
HMS 104	Small Group Interaction Techniques.....	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3

*MATH 120 is recommended, as it is required for the social work, radiology, and other degree programs.

Important Notice: Please check with the Nevada Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors or counselor licensing/certificate boards in Nevada, or in other states, if applicable, about the acceptability of academic courses **prior** to beginning any course, as individual, or state licensing and/or certification requirements may vary.

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE		
Certificate of Achievement— Substance Abuse Counselor Training		
FALL—1st Semester		Credits
INT 100		0.5
CPD 116		3
ENG 100 or 101		3
HMS 101		3
HMS 102		3
MATH 116, 120, 126 or higher*		3
TOTAL		15.5
SPRING—2nd Semester		Credits
HMS 105		3
HMS 104		3
HMS 200		3
IS 101		3
PSY 101		3
TOTAL		17
Minimum Credits:		30.5