Associate of Arts in Human Services

Description
The goal of the Associate of Arts in Human Services program is to educate, in two years, a generalist professional worker who can move into a wide range of mental health, human services, social services, community action, and social justice careers. Program faculty not only teach about the ideals of the human services profession, but also model and practice them as they engage with students both in and out of the classroom and in professional settings across our communities.

Human services professionals effect change at all levels of society to enhance the wellbeing of individuals, families, groups, communities, organizations, and institutions. Social justice, human engagement, self-determination, and service to others through ethical applied professional practice define the philosophy of this program. Students will discover a myriad of ways to grow professional talents for carrying through problem-solving processes, enacting advocacy skills, and engaging in empowerment, development and social change work in a variety of ways and means.

Courses
The AAS program requires completion of 60 credits in general education, technology, and business. Required courses include:

- Cultural Diversity and Social Pluralism
- Ethics
- Natural Science
- Artistic Expression
- World Civilizations
- American Civilizations
- Human Behavior

Possible Careers
- Case Worker
- Family Support Worker
- Youth Worker
- Social Service Liaison
- Residential Counselor
- Behavioral Management Aide
- Case Management Aide
- Eligibility Counselor
- Alcohol Counselor
- Adult Day Care Worker
- Drug Abuse Counselor
- Life Skills Instructor
- Client Advocate
- Neighborhood Worker
- Social Service Aide
- Group Activities Aide
- Social Service Technician
- Therapeutic Assistant
- Probation Officer
- Rehabilitation Case Worker
- Parole Officer
- Child Advocate
- Gerontology Aide
- Juvenile Court Liaison
- Home Health Aide
- Group Home Worker
- Child Abuse Worker
- Crisis Intervention Counselor
- Mental Health Aide
- Community Organizer
- Intake Interviewer
- Community Outreach Worker
- Social Work Assistant
- Community Action Worker
- Psychological Aide
- Halfway House Counselor
- Assistant Case Manager
- Residential Manager

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