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Human Services Associate Program

Course Curriculum

Semester 1 (Tuition: \$2,450)

Course #	Course Title	Credits
10-520-101	Introduction to Human Services	3
Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54		
Students investigate the various roles and responsibilities of human service providers. Students examine the history of "helping" and its influence on contemporary programs and policies. Students explore the challenges and dilemmas confronting human service providers as well as current trends and controversies. Because effective human service providers are aware of their own values and biases, students reflect on their thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes about working with diverse populations.		
10-520-104	Community Resources and Services	3
Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54		
Students identify programs and services provided by local human service agencies, through presentations by guest speakers, site visits, and independent research. Students create a resource file. Students implement a service project to address an unmet need in the community.		
10-801-136	English Composition 1	3
Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54		
This course is designed for learners to develop knowledge and skills in all aspects of the writing process. Planning, organizing, writing, editing and revising are applied through a variety of activities. Students will analyze audience and purpose, use elements of research and format documents using standard guidelines. Individuals will develop critical reading skills through analysis of various written documents.		
10-809-172	Introduction to Diversity Studies	3
Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54		
Students draw from several disciplines to reaffirm the basic American values of justice and equality by learning a basic vocabulary, a history of immigration and conquest, principles of transcultural communication, legal liability and the value of aesthetic production to increase the probability of respectful encounters among people. In addition to an analysis of majority/minority relations in a multicultural context, the topics of ageism, sexism, gender differences, sexual orientation, the disabled and the American Disability Act (ADA) are explored. Ethnic relations are studied in global and comparative perspectives.		
10-809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54		
Developmental Psychology is the study of human development throughout the lifespan. This course explores developmental theory and research with an emphasis on the interactive nature of the biological, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that affect the individual from conception to death. Application activities and critical thinking skills will enable students to gain an increased knowledge and understanding of themselves and others.		

Semester 2 (Tuition: \$2,450)

Course #	Course Title	Credits
10-520-102	Ethics for the Profession	3

Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54

Students demonstrate their understanding of the Ethical Standards of Human Service Professionals through reflection, class discussion, and case studies. Students apply a model for ethical decision-making to real-world scenarios. Students examine the ethical issues involved in current controversies that affect human services.

Prerequisites: Introduction to Human Services (10-520-101)

10-520-103	Issues In ATODA	3
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Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54

Students examine the impact of legal and illegal drug use upon individuals and society. Students analyze the physiological and psychological effects of drugs. Students identify local resources for ATODA services and investigate current treatment strategies. Students reflect upon their attitudes and values about drug use, and how these beliefs may influence their work as human service providers. Prerequisites: Introduction to Human Services (10-520-101)

10-520-105	Interviewing and Counseling Techniques	3
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Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54

Students demonstrate entry-level interviewing skills through role-plays and simulations. Students apply the "strengths perspective" and "solution-focused" techniques to client interactions. Prerequisites: Introduction to Human Services (10-520-101)

10-801-198	Speech	3
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Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54

Students explore the fundamentals of effective oral presentations to small and large groups. Students demonstrate competency through topic selection, audience analysis, methods of organization, research, structuring evidence and support, delivery techniques, and other essential elements of speaking successfully, including the listening process.

10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
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Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54

Students survey the multiple aspects of human behavior. This involves a survey of the theoretical foundations of human functioning in such areas as learning, motivation, emotions, personality, deviance and pathology, physiological factors, and social influences. The student forms an insightful understanding of the complexities of human relationships in personal, social, and vocational settings

Semester 3 (Tuition: \$3,100)

Course #	Course Title	Credits
10-520-106	Issues of Gerontology	3

Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 54

Students examine the challenges faced by individuals and society as human longevity increases. Students explore the issues of concern to older adults: ageism, physical and mental health, finances, relationships, living situations, and long-term/end-of-life care. Students examine their attitudes and beliefs about working with elders. Students identify local providers of services for older adults. Prerequisites: Introduction to Human Services (10-520-101) and Ethics for the Profession (10-520-102)

