



SUNY NIAGARA Human Services, A.A.S.

Overview

Are you that special person who wants to serve and support others? Human service workers are generalists who hold professional and paraprofessional jobs in diverse settings. The Human Services AAS degree is a unique program blending multiple disciplines including social work, counseling and psychology with internship experience where you will gain skill and knowledge to work with children, youth, adults, families, groups and communities in the areas of youth services and programs, senior services and care of the elderly, substance abuse prevention and treatment, victim advocacy, mental health, rehabilitative services and more. The need for highly trained, skilled human service workers has increased tremendously with the complexity of issues facing society today.

Careers

Some areas students may choose to focus on include services to the intellectually or physically challenged; children and youth; the elderly; those with addictions; or patient advocacy. Job titles include but are not limited to direct support professional, case manager, advocate, youth recreation assistant, youth support assistant, activity leader, childcare attendant, after-school childcare staff, human services assistant, mental health assistant, success coach, substance abuse counselor, employment coach, habilitation coordinator, elder care assistant, health care advocate, program aide, and behavior technician.

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<https://sunyniagara.edu/courses/human-services-a-a-s/>

<https://tinyurl.com/2eb2mh54>

Program Requirements

First Semester

Credits

ENG 101 - Writing I	3
HUS 101 - Introduction Human Services	3
____ ____ - Human Services/Early Childhood Studies/Social Science Elective	3
PSY 110 - Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology	3

Total Credit Hours: 15 Cr.

Second Semester

ENG 102 - Writing II	3
____ ____ - Health/Physical Education by Advisement	2
____ ____ - Human Services/Early Childhood Studies/Social Science Elective	3
HUS 102 - Human Services Internship I OR	
COE 198 – Experiential Cooperative Education I	3
HUS 123 - The Helping Process	3
MAT 106 – Contemporary Mathematics OR	
MAT 164 - Introduction to Statistics	3
Total Credit Hours:	17 Cr.

Third Semester

____ ____ - Human Services/Early Childhood Studies/Social Science Elective	3
EDU 120 - Disabilities: Birth to Adolescence OR	
HUS 120 - Disabilities: Birth to Adolescence OR	
HUS 122 - Disabilities and Aging	3
____ ____ - Natural Science & Scientific Reasoning (NSCI) General Education Elective	3
____ ____ - Human Services/Early Childhood Studies/Social Science Elective	3
____ ____ - Free Elective	3
Total Credit Hours:	15 Cr.

Fourth Semester

____ ____ - General Education Elective	3
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____ ____ - Free Elective	3
HUS 213 - Loss, Grief & Coping	3
____ ____ - LLC/CIS/CPS Elective	1
HUS 204 – Human Services Research & Synthesis	1
Total Credit Hours:	14 Cr.

The information provided is subject to change throughout the academic year. 3/10/2026