

# HUMAN SERVICES - A.A.S.

College of Applied and Technical Studies  
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## About This Program

Are you passionate about making a tangible difference in people's lives? The Human Services major provides comprehensive coursework and hands-on internships for you to gain expertise in case management, client advocacy and community resource coordination. This program meets the curricular requirements for various certifications, including Social Work Assistant and Chemical Dependency Counselor credentials. This associate degree serves as a solid foundation for immediate employment in diverse human services roles or as a stepping stone toward a bachelor's degree in related fields. Read more...

## Contact Information

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- Speak with an Advisor
  - Ashtabula Campus
  - Salem Campus
- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - Mostly online
- **Location:**
  - Ashtabula Campus
  - Salem Campus

## Example of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Community and social service specialists, all other

- 11.7% much faster than the average
- 105,200 number of jobs
- \$46,770 potential earnings

### Social and community service managers

- 17.0% much faster than the average
- 175,500 number of jobs
- \$69,600 potential earnings

### Social and human service assistants

- 16.8% much faster than the average
- 425,600 number of jobs
- \$35,960 potential earnings

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, and the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
HSRV 11000 or SWK 24140	FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN SERVICES INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	3
HSRV 11001	GROUP METHODS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 11002	SURVEY OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES	3
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS	3
HSRV 21001	ASSESSMENT METHODS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 21002	COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 21003 or SWK 25248	SOCIAL WELFARE IN HUMAN SERVICES SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
HSRV 21092	INTERNSHIP IN HUMAN SERVICES I (ELR) <sup>1</sup>	3
HSRV 21192	INTERNSHIP IN HUMAN SERVICES II (ELR) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
COMM 15000	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION (KADL)	3
ENG 20002 or ENG 21011	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING <sup>2</sup> RESEARCH WRITING (KCOMP)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Composition		3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts		3
Kent Core Basic Sciences		3
Technical Electives, choose from the following: <sup>3</sup>		9
IT 11000	INTRODUCTION TO OFFICE PRODUCTIVITY APPS	
SWK 24146	PERSPECTIVES ON BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT I	
SWK 25100	SOCIAL WORK IN RURAL SETTINGS	
SWK 34140	PRACTICE CONTENT FOR SOCIAL WORK I	
SWK 35120	SOCIAL WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH SETTINGS	

SWK 35121	SOCIAL WORK IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SETTINGS
SWK 35122	SOCIAL WORK IN CHILD WELFARE SETTINGS
SWK 35123	SOCIAL WORK AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
SWK 35124	SOCIAL WORK PERSPECTIVES ON AGING
SWK 35125	INTERPROFESSIONAL APPROACHES TO SUICIDE PREVENTION
SWK 24147	PERSPECTIVES ON BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT II
SWK 25195	SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL WORK
SWK 34141	PRACTICE CONTENT FOR SOCIAL WORK II
Allied Health Sciences (AHS) courses	
Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) courses	
Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM) courses	
Early Childhood Education (ECED) courses	
Early Childhood Education Technology (ECET) courses	
Educational Psychology (EPSY) courses	
Gerontology (GERO) courses	
Health Education (HED) courses	
Human Development and Family Science (HDF) courses	
Human Services (HSRV) courses	
Nursing (NURS) courses	
Office Technology (OTEC) courses	
Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) courses	
Psychology (PSYC) courses	
Public Health (PH) courses	
Sociology (SOC) courses	
Foreign Language courses	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	

64

- <sup>1</sup> Students will be required to complete the equivalent of 315 internship hours each semester.
- <sup>2</sup> It is recommended that students planning to enroll in a bachelor's degree take ENG 21011.
- <sup>3</sup> The following are recommendations for completing technical electives:
1. HED 32530 or PSYC 41364 if preparing for licensure in chemical dependency counseling;
  2. HDF 24012, HDF 25512 and HDF 34031 if planning to enroll in the B.S. degree in Human Development and Family Studies;
  3. PSYC, SOC or SWK or foreign language courses if planning to enroll in the bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology or social work.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.500	2.000

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One	Credits
HSRV 11000 FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN SERVICES or or INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK SWK 24140	3

HSRV 11001	GROUP METHODS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 11002	SURVEY OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Two		
COMM 15000	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION (KADL)	3
ENG 20002	INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING or or RESEARCH WRITING (KCMP)	3
ENG 21011		
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
HSRV 21003	SOCIAL WELFARE IN HUMAN SERVICES or or SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
SWK 25248		
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Technical Elective		3
Credit Hours		18
Semester Three		
HSRV 21000	DYNAMICS OF HELPING RELATIONSHIPS	3
HSRV 21001	ASSESSMENT METHODS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 21092	INTERNSHIP IN HUMAN SERVICES I (ELR)	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
HSRV 21002	COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
HSRV 21192	INTERNSHIP IN HUMAN SERVICES II (ELR)	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Technical Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		64

## University Requirements

All students in an applied or technical associate degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

**NOTE:** University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements, please see Program Requirements for details.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Flashes 101 (UC 10001)		1
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.		
Kent Core (see table below)		15
Total Credit Hour Requirement		60
Some associate degrees require students to complete more than 60 credit hours.		

## Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA)	3
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS)	3

Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB)	3
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15</b>

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## Full Description

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Services is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level positions in a variety of human services agencies and includes applied courses in human services and joint university-agency supervised internships. The core courses provide a solid foundation in case management and client advocacy. This program is endorsed by the Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Service Educators as authorized by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board and the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board as meeting the curricular requirements for the Social Work Assistant, Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant Preliminary and Renewable and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor.

The program is designed to articulate fully to Kent State's Bachelor of Social Work Degree. However, its coursework is also applicable to related behavioral science bachelor programs such as human development and family science, psychology and sociology.

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.