

Certificate: Human Services

AREA: Human Services

DEGREE: Certificate

LENGTH: Three semesters (one-year) program

PURPOSE: This certificate program incorporates a broad scope of classes, including pertinent general education courses, which focus on preparing paraprofessionals to enter into the human service profession. In addition to general education courses, this Human Services Certificate enhances the student's understanding of academic and interpersonal skills necessary for competitive employment in this growing occupational cluster. For eligible students, this certificate offers classroom and internship components designed to further enhance the skills human services employers' desire, such as active listening, assessment, case management, and agency collaboration. For students considering transfer options, this Certificate provides a pathway to additional learning with LFCC's Associate of Arts and Science General Studies: Human Services Specialization.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: mental health aides, residential aides, residential assistants, social services assistants, and human services assistants.

| Course# | Title | Credits |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| First Semester | | |
| ENG 111 | College Composition I | 3 |
| PSY 200 | Principles of Psychology | 3 |
| ITE | Information Literacy Elective ¹ | 3 |
| SDV 100 | College Success Skills | 1 |
| HMS 100 | Introduction to Human Services | 3 |
| Total | | 13 |
| Second Semester | | |
| HMS 121 | Basic Counseling Skills I | 3 |
| SOC 200 | Principles of Sociology | 3 |
| PSY 230 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| CST 100 | Principles of Public Speaking | 3 |
| Total | | 12 |
| Third Semester | | |
| HLT 116 | Personal Wellness | 2 |
| HMS | HMS Elective ² | 3 |
| HMS 290 | Coordinated Internship ³ | 3 |
| Total | | 8 |
| Program Total | | 33 |

¹Lists of approved electives can be found on page 41.

²Recommended that students choose from the following electives: HMS 141, ADJ 100, 105, 107, 140, SOC 215, 225, 266, 268, PSY 215

³Admission to this coordinated internship requires completion of a minimum of 24 college credits that must include the following courses with a grade of C or better: ENG 111, HMS 100, HMS 121, and 2 SOC and/or PSY electives. Additionally, students must interview with the HMS program lead and complete the procedures outlined in the HMS Internship Handbook prior to enrollment in this course.