

MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICE AND ADDICTION COUNSELING - DEGREE

Associate of Applied Science Degree Program | mhcc.edu/MHSSAC
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The Mental Health, Social Service, and Addiction Counseling program prepares students to work with the emotional, social, and physical needs of clients in settings that include:

- Mental health agencies.
- Social service / work.
- Addictions treatment.
- Corrections.
- Residential facilities.
- Schools.
- Youth work.
- Gerontology (working with the elderly).

Course topics include: counseling skills; group counseling; case management; addictions theory; trauma informed care; and professional practice.

Students who complete the AAS degree can become addictions counselors after passing the Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor exam. While this program is designed to help students enter the workforce, 89% of our students transfer to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree.

Please note: This program only accepts new students starting every fall term. Students may take some of the courses ahead of time, such as: writing, math and electives. Meet with an adviser to make a plan.

Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate the values and ethics that are intrinsic to the social service profession
- Demonstrate professional interviewing skills
- Demonstrate writing skills appropriate to clinical documentation
- Identify resources for clients within agencies and within communities
- Describe the role of culture and diversity in social service and counseling
- Describe the role of neurochemistry in the addiction process

Please note: All core courses and cooperative education internship courses must be completed within 5 years of starting the program.

General education courses (such as math, writing, health, etc.) can be taken during any term, or before starting the program.

First Quarter		Credits
Fall		
HS101	Introduction to Social Services	3
HS107	Careers in Behavioral Healthcare and Social Service	3
HS114	Interviewing Skills I	2
HS265	Counseling Theories and Interventions I	3
PSY235	Human Development I: Prenatal - Late Childhood	3
Credits		14
Second Quarter		
Winter		
HS115	Interviewing Skills II	2
HS135	Case Management: Intake, Assessment, Process and Practice ★	3
HS150	The Effective Helper, A Personal Skills Approach	3
HS266	Counseling Theories and Interventions II	3
PSY236	Human Development II: Adolescence - Death	3
Related Elective (can be taken any term) (p. 2)		3-4
Credits		17-18
Third Quarter		
Spring		
HS113	Interviewing Skills III	3
HS291	Practicum Seminar ★	2
WR121Z	Composition I ★	4
WE280HS_	Cooperative Education Internship	4
Related Elective (can be taken any term) (p. 2)		3-4
Credits		16-17
Fourth Quarter		
Fall		
HS225	Group Counseling	3
HS291	Practicum Seminar ★	2
WR122Z	Composition II ★	4
WE280HS_	Cooperative Education Internship	4
Related Elective (can be taken any term) (p. 2)		3-5
Credits		16-18
Fifth Quarter		
Winter		
HS222	Diagnosis and Treatment: Clinical Disorders	3
HS291	Practicum Seminar ★	2
MTH065 or MTH058	Beginning Algebra II ★ (or higher) or Quantitative Reasoning I	4-6
WE280HS	Cooperative Education Internship	4
Health and Physical Education (can be taken any term) (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/aas/#health)		3
Credits		16-18
Sixth Quarter		
Spring		
HS141	Pharmacology of Psychoactive Substances	3

HS142	Addiction Counseling: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment	3
HS223	Diagnosis and Treatment: Personality Disorders	2
HS291	Practicum Seminar ★	2
SW201	The Field of Social Welfare and Social Justice	3
WE280HS	Cooperative Education Internship	4
Credits		17
Total Credits		96-102

Related Electives

Three (3) related elective courses from the list below are required to complete the AAS. If planning on transferring to a university, please see program adviser(s) before selecting electives.

Code	Title	Credits
MTH105Z	Math in Society (or higher)	4
PSY course level 200+		3-4
SOC course level 200+		3-4
CJA course (CJA230 or CJA231 recommended)		3
Lab Science elective		4-5
Foreign Language electives		12-15

Transfer Schools

- Portland State University (<https://www.pdx.edu/social-work/>)
- Clark College (<http://www.clark.edu/>)
- Oregon Tech (<https://www.oit.edu/academics/degrees/applied-psychology/>)
- Western Oregon University (<http://www.wou.edu/gerontology/>)
- Warner Pacific University (<http://warnerpacific.edu/social-work-program/>)