

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
HUMAN SERVICE TECHNICIAN**

The program is designed for students interested in working with people as human service workers in diverse settings or prepares students for transfer into a four-year institution of higher learning. It prepares graduates with the skills, knowledge and ability for employment in human services positions while providing graduates with an Associate of Science degree in Human Service. Throughout the completion of the coursework the program facilitates the personal growth and development of the student as a unique and worthwhile person.

Students interested in this area should have a strong desire to help others, be patient, understanding, and caring in dealing with others, good verbal and written communication skills, ability to manage time effectively, problem solving skills, and knowledge of community resources.

Career opportunities include: employment in a wide variety of Human Service/Mental Health occupations. Employment in the field of human services is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations throughout the next decade due to population growth, increased demand for the care of the elderly and the disabled, and the disadvantaged. Job titles and duties in the human service field vary with the type of employer and the kinds of clients they serve. Examples of job titles include: social service technicians, case management aides, social work assistants residential counselors, mental health technicians, child abuse workers, community outreach workers and gerontology aides.

Settings that workers can be employed in include: group homes, mental retardation and community mental health centers, state, local and tribal government, programs for the elderly, hospitals, social service and mental health programs, facilities and programs for the developmentally disabled, special programs for alcoholics and drug abusers, child abuse, youth and family agencies, childcare and head start programs, and special education programs for children.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGL 110	English I	3 cr.
ENGL 120	English II	3 cr.
COMM 110	Speech.....	3 cr.
MATH 102	Intermediate Algebra or higher	4 cr.
PSYC 100	Psychology of Student Success	3 cr.
SOC 100	Job Seeking Skills.....	2 cr.
NAS 101	Lakota/Dakota Language I.....	4 cr.
SOC 210	Chemical Dependency I.....	3 cr.
HUMANITIES or SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE.....		3 cr.
NAS 108 Native American History or NAS 109 Native American History		
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION		2 cr.
LABORATORY SCIENCE		4 cr.
CSCI 101	Introduction to Computer Applications	3 cr.
Total General Education		37 credits

CORE REQUIREMENTS

HS 101	Introduction to Human Services	3 cr.
HS 102	Interviewing I.....	3 cr.
HS 103	Interviewing II.....	3 cr.
HS 201	Case Management I	3 cr.
HS 202	Case Management II.....	3 cr.
HS 211	Substance Abuse Counseling.....	3 cr.
HS 220	Management and Administration in Human Services	3 cr.
HS 260	Crisis Intervention/Suicide Prevention	3 cr.
HS 297	Human Services Internship.....	3 cr.
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology.....	3 cr.
PSYC 252	Child and Adolescent Psychology.....	3 cr.
SOC 220	The Family	3 cr.
Total Core Requirements.....		36 cr.
TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		73 CREDITS