

HUMAN SERVICES



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The Human Services Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences introduces students to a broad range of social and rehabilitation services and human development concepts. Upon completion of the Human Services option, students will be aware of the demands of the human service field.

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The Human Services Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences introduces students to concepts preparing them to deal with the problems of specific populations including the elderly, children, and persons with mental or physical disabilities or problems with addiction. After completing the first year of academic work, students have the option to follow one of the following academic paths: addictions or social work transfer.

A drug screening and/or criminal background check is often required to obtain and maintain employment in a human services career.

Individuals whose criminal histories may interfere with their ability to secure employment should discuss questions with human services faculty.

Learning Outcomes

- Describe the origins of social work and the other human service professions and discuss the current issues in the field through journal writing
- Use theoretical frameworks supported by empirical research to understand individual behavior across the life span and apply in case examples
- Identify and evaluate the major theories and techniques of social and clinical intervention applied in case examples
- Demonstrate proficiency in basic helping skills by conducting a series of videotapes helping interviews
- Apply critical thinking skills to professional human service practices
- Understand the Codes of Ethics of the major professional organizations that regulate the human services and demonstrate the ability to comply with these standards in volunteer and internship experiences in human service agencies
- Demonstrate the ability to practice multicultural awareness and sensitivity in a human service agency volunteer or internship experience
- Articulate identity as a human service professional and formulate a plan for ongoing professional development in reflective papers

View required course listings: frederick.edu/human-services

Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for social and human service assistants was \$35,060 in 2019. Overall employment of social and human service assistants is projected to grow 13% from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

The median annual wage for social workers was \$50,470 in 2019. Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 11% from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook (bls.gov/ooh)

Transfer Note

To find more information about how credits will transfer from Frederick Community College (FCC) to a state four-year institution, visit artsys.usmd.edu or consult a College advisor. FCC has articulation agreements with Hood College, Salisbury University, and Stevenson University, allowing students a seamless transfer experience. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. In addition to general scholarships and loans, the following assistance is available to human services students:

- Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program
- Ida G. and L. Leonard Ruben Scholarship

For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.

For more information:

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