Welcome

We appreciate your interest in Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington and the Human Services (HUMS) degree program. This program offers three areas of focus: Addiction Studies, Aging Studies, and Youth Work.

We offer both associate degrees and technical certificates. Instruction is offered through face-to-face and online classes.

Coursework focuses on the nature of human services, and the impact of services on the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual nature of the human being. Students will learn about theory, case management, counseling skills, and ethics, while participating in hands-on internships. General education coursework in communications, math, and social science, as well as relevant elective courses, enhance the curriculum.

Upon graduation, students may enter the workforce, or pursue continuing education opportunities. To learn more about this exciting career field and the Human Services degree program, please contact us.

Human Services
Curriculum and Course Descriptions

Curriculum for Human Services varies based on the degree or certificate and is subject to change.

Go to ivytech.edu/human-services to find recommended course curriculum and course descriptions.

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Overview

As Human Services professionals, graduates reach out to individuals, to families, and to communities. The Human Services program provides the broad understanding to help others meet their psychological, social, and environmental needs. Students who get a degree in Human Services may find employment in a variety of settings such as community centers, group homes, substance abuse centers, nursing homes, etc. Additionally, articulation agreements with various institutions across the state will help students transfer their credits to continue their education.

Careers in Human Services

- Youth Care Worker
- Residential Counselor
- Assistant Case Manager
- Direct Care Worker
- Gerontology Assistant
- Addictions Care Tech
- Outreach Worker
- Mental Health Aide

Human Services Degrees & Certificate

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Human Services will give you the knowledge and skills for career entry or advancement in a current job. Associate of Applied Science degree programs are two-year programs that prepare students for careers, career changes, and career advancement. AAS programs may also prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. These programs offer education in recognized technical areas and specialties with emphasis on analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE

The Associate of Science degree prepares you for transfer to a university to pursue a baccalaureate degree. The Associate of Science degree in Human Services transfers to some Indiana public and private colleges and universities. Graduates will also earn the Transfer General Education Certificate.

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (TC)

Technical Certificate programs provide education in conceptual and technical skills for specific occupations. The program content is designed to develop competency in the comprehension of general and technical skills. Certificate programs require mastery of basic reading, writing, mathematical, and quantitative skills.

Focuses:

Addiction Studies  Addiction studies professionals help treat clients and patients wishing to recover from drug and/or alcohol addiction. Graduates may find employment in comprehensive substance abuse treatment facilities (both in-patient and out-patient), psychiatric facilities, and hospital settings. Graduates may also find jobs assisting patients in adolescent and adult settings, and working with dual diagnosis clients.

Aging Studies  The number of older Americans is unprecedented. Students who focus their coursework on aging studies will be prepared for careers that assist older adults with housing, transportation, health care, recreation, social support, and more. Careers in education, research, and older adult product/service development are also available.

Youth Work  Youth workers promote the personal, educational, and social development of young people. Youth workers are employed in many environments; youth shelters, schools, colleges, faith-based groups, and youth offending programs. Students who choose this area of focus will learn to engage young people, value opinions, and empower youth to take action on issues affecting their lives, including health, education, unemployment, and the environment.