



Human Social Services Technology

■ What Is Human Social Services Technology?

Human social services technology is a field involving people with a wide array of job titles, including human service worker, case management aide, social work assistant, community support worker, mental health aide, community outreach worker, life skills counselor, or gerontology aide. They usually work under the direction of professionals from a variety of fields. The amount of responsibility and supervision they are given varies a great deal. Some have little direct supervision; others work under close direction.

Human social service workers provide client services to ensure that people in their care reach their maximum level of functioning. They conduct intake, assessment and crisis intervention interviews. They also arrange for transportation and help overcome other barriers to services. Social and human service assistants monitor and keep case records on clients and report progress to supervisors and behavioral health professionals.

Human social service workers also play a variety of roles in a community. They may organize and lead group activities, assist clients in need of counseling or crisis intervention, or administer a food bank or emergency fuel program.

People in this field often continue their education to acquire advanced degrees to obtain the increased responsibilities, career opportunities and pay of licensed professionals.

■ Success Factors

You must have a strong desire to help others, effective communication skills, a strong sense of responsibility, and the ability to manage time effectively. Since many human social services jobs involve direct contact with people who are vulnerable to exploitation or mistreatment, patience, understanding and trustworthiness are essential.

■ Career Possibilities

You have many employment opportunities. A few examples include the following:

activities coordinator	group home aide
substance abuse worker	program coordinator
community outreach worker	counseling assistant
mental health technician	intake worker

If you complete your bachelor's degree, you will have more career choices. Most counseling positions require a master's degree or better. Many directorship opportunities require a doctorate degree.

■ Majoring In Human Social Services Technology

The human social services program emphasizes knowledge of, and practice in, direct service to clients. Field instruction is supervised by experienced social workers. You will work with clients in diverse settings such as corrections, nursing homes, human service departments, homes for the aged, community mental health centers, counseling services, children's services and school programs. Your coursework includes studies in communications and psychology as well as human social services theory and practice.

You should be able to complete this program in 2 years, attending full-time fall, winter and spring quarters. This program is career specific and does not generally transition into a bachelor's degree. However, this associate degree will transfer into a human services baccalaureate program at Northern Kentucky University.

If you intend to do professional counseling, you will need more than an associate degree. Most professional licensing requires at least a bachelor's degree; many positions require a master's degree. You may wish to consider enrolling in social work or psychology to give yourself more professional options.

■ Program Requirements

You should check with your academic advisor every quarter *before* you register for classes. Two years is really a short time to squeeze in all of your degree requirements. We cannot offer every course every quarter. If you miss taking a prerequisite for a required course, or don't take a particular course the only quarter it is offered during the year, you can jeopardize your ability to complete your degree on time.

CORE COURSES	Cr. Hrs.
Introduction to Information Processing	3
Effective Public Speaking	3
English Composition I, II	6
Intermediate Composition	3
Group Theories for Human/Social Services	3
Activity Therapy	3
Resources for Human/Social Services	3
Introduction to Social Services/Helping Professions	3
Human/Social Services Seminar I, II, III, IV	8
Human/Social Services Practicum I, II, III, IV	8
Communication for Professional Services I, II	6
Crisis Intervention	3
Community Mental Health	3
Contemporary Issues for Human/Social Services	3
Introduction to Psychology I, II, III	9
Child Development	3
Adolescent Development	3
Adult Development	3
Introduction to Sociology I <i>or</i> Global Community	3
Fine Art/History/Literature elective	6
Human/Social Services electives	6
Mathematics elective	3
Science elective	3
TOTAL	97

■ Advantages & Special Opportunities

The Clermont campus is on 92 wooded acres located in Batavia, Ohio, in the heart of Clermont County. We are relatively small and our faculty to student ratio is low. You will find our small class size and personal interaction with your instructors create the ideal learning environment. Parking is convenient and at no additional charge. Plus, our tuition is the lowest of the UC colleges.

■ Admissions

UC Clermont College is an open admissions campus. If you have your high school diploma, GED, or its equivalent, we will admit you. We accept applications all year long and you may start any quarter. Financial aid takes 6-8 weeks to process. We recommend that you apply at least 10 weeks prior to your desired attendance.

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