

Human Services

Department of Human Services

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The Department of Human Services offers both an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Human Services, which prepares students for entry-level employment, and a Bachelor of Human Services (BHS) practitioner's degree, which prepares students as human services professionals. Both degrees employ a unique competency-based, community-oriented approach blending classroom and experiential learning. Employing a multidisciplinary approach, the degree objective is to provide students with both a conceptual and skill foundation suitable for successful human services practice in urban and rural settings. Human services practice requires multicultural understanding and respect of clients through a collaborative relationship founded upon a developmental model. Specific skill courses are combined with practicum experiences and strengthened through conceptual coursework in human services. Practicum placements provide students agency-based learning experiences directly related to the human services profession.

Advising is an important part of the human services program. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact a human services faculty advisor prior to entering the program. Upon declaring human services as their major, students are assigned a faculty academic advisor. Entrance into the human services practicum requires admission to the degree, successful completion of specified courses and recommendation by the human services faculty academic advisor. Contact the Human Services Department for an appointment with an advisor.

The AAS in Human Services and BHS accept specific Center for Human Development courses as electives. Courses in the Children's Behavioral Health Occupational Endorsement Certificate (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coh/centerforhumandevlopment/oec-childrensbehavioralhealth/>) may also be accepted as electives. Please see a human services faculty advisor for information.

Both the AAS and BHS are accredited nationally by the Council for Standards in Human Services Education.