

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College

Human Services Program News

Spring 2023

"It is not enough to be compassionate. You must act."

Dalai Lama, Lhamo Thondup, 14th Dalai Lama, or highest spiritual leader, Tibet

"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."

Lily Tomlin, U.S. actress, comedian, writer and producer

Welcome to the spring semester! I hope you are getting settled into your courses and routines. I picked the quotes above to highlight the importance of advocacy in the human services profession. Finding solutions to society's problems is one of the common tasks you will encounter in this career field. Of course, those words also apply to our daily lives. May each of us strive toward making the world a bit kinder and gentler for each other.

I hope this spring 2023 edition of the Program News brings you the information you need to excel in your role as a student in our Human Services program. Our faculty wish you a successful semester!

Wendy D. Bratina, Ed.D., Program Director & Associate Professor, Human Services Program

Program News

Our program webpage offers a general overview of the Human Services program at:

<https://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Programs/HealthCareers/Human-Service-Social-Services.cfm>

and each of our degrees also have their own webpage with a more comprehensive overview.

There are two main paths that many of our students take to get started on their way to a **transfer degree**. At HACC, we have the Social Services AA transfer degree and we have the Social Sciences AA transfer degree. Both have the general education requirements necessary to prepare you for entry into a 4-year institution. The Social Services degree has more practical skills built in and requires a 125-hour practicum experience. The Social Sciences degree focuses on the general education requirements and a broad overview of knowledge in several areas.

This page has information on the Social Services AA:

<https://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Social-Services-5060.cfm>

This page has information on the Social Sciences AA transfer degree -

<https://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Social-Sciences-5090.cfm> If you have questions about the Social Sciences degree, please contact David Bailey, Department Chair, at drbailey@hacc.edu.

We also offer two **career degrees**: the Human Services AAS and the Addiction and Recovery Services AAS.

This page has information on the Human Services AAS degree:

<https://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/human-services-5556.cfm>

This page has the information on the Addiction and Recovery Services AAS degree:

<https://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Addiction-Recovery-Services-New-Fall-2021-5516.cfm>

HUMS 215 Field Work Practicum – The semester before you are planning to take the practicum, please fill out the Intent to Enroll survey notifying the Practicum Coordinator of your intention to enroll. The survey is located on our program page at this link: [Program Page](#) Once you have submitted the survey you will receive a detailed list of steps you need to complete prior to registering for HUMS 215.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Please review Chapters 1-4 in the Human Services Field Work Practicum manual. Chapter 3 will be the most useful for students looking for a practicum site. The link is here:

https://socialsci.libretexts.org/Courses/HACC_Central_Pennsylvania's_Community_College/Human_Services_Field_Work_Practicum_Manual

- You cannot enroll in the course until the Practicum Coordinator provides you with a registration override. This override is provided to you after you have specific documents submitted into the Brightspace/D2L shell. Access to this shell will be sent to you after you have submitted the Intent to Enroll survey.
- You must submit a new Intent to Enroll survey even if you have completed one in a past term. This situation would occur if a student has filled out the Intent to Enroll survey and the situation changes and the student decides to delay taking the practicum until a future semester.
- Please fill out the brief survey and then additional instructions will be sent to you. If your information changes (phone, agency interest, etc.), you may simply email an update to the Practicum Coordinator. However, if the semester you plan to take the practicum changes, you will need to submit a new Intent to Enroll survey as stated above.
- The deadlines will ensure there will be space for you in the course. The course maximum is 10 students. If there is a need for an additional section of the practicum course based on responses to the survey, we will make every effort to add a section. Students must submit their Intent to Enroll for the Field Work Practicum by **April 1** for the summer semester, **July 1** for the fall semester, and **November 1** for the spring semester.
- All required documents must be submitted by **May 1** for the summer semester, **August 1** for the fall semester and **December 15** for the spring semester.

I plan to take HUMS 215 in this term:	Intent to Enroll survey due	Required documents due
Summer 2023	April 1, 2023	May 1, 2023
Fall 2023	July 1, 2023	August 1, 2023
Spring 2024	November 1, 2023	December 15, 2023

For help in choosing a Practicum agency or for any questions, please contact the Practicum Coordinator, Sherrill Goodlive, at sbgoodli@hacc.edu or call (717) 780-2505. There are also resources to help you prepare for your Practicum in the **Internships & Experiential Learning (IELOPs) LibGuide** at this link: <https://libguides.hacc.edu/c.php?g=71536&p=8383409>

Money for College

Did you know there are scholarships for Human Services program majors? Don't miss out on FREE money! Click here for more information: <https://www.hacc.edu/Paying/TypesofAid/Scholarships/index.cfm>

Human Services Club

If you are interested in starting a Human Services Student club, you are encouraged to speak to your peers or any Human Services faculty member. You may also connect with someone from the Student Life team to learn about the process for starting a Human Services Club: <https://www.hacc.edu/Students/GetInvolved/StudentActivities/index.cfm>

Resources for the Human Services Field

- **211.org** – Click link for resources: <https://www.211.org/>
- **988** - The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Click on link for more info: <https://988lifeline.org/>
- **PA Link** - The Department of Aging has launched its first-ever statewide media campaign to build greater awareness and utilization of the PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources, also known as the PA Link. Click on link for more info: <https://www.aging.pa.gov/local-resources/pa-link/Pages/default.aspx>

Professional Development

Tau Upsilon Alpha The purpose of Tau Upsilon Alpha National Organization for Human Services Honor Society is to honor academic excellence; to foster lifelong learning, leadership and development; and to promote excellence in serviceto humanity. For information: <https://www.nationalhumanservices.org/tua-home>

Conferences

National Organization for Human Services (NOHS) keep up to date with offerings at:

<https://www.nationalhumanservices.org/national-conference>

Other conferences may be found at: <https://conferenceindex.org/conferences/behavioral-health/united-states>

Employment Opportunities

Looking for **employment**? Organizations reach out to HACC students quite frequently. You can find many local opportunities at College Central Network offered through HACC's Career Services at: [College Central Network](#)

Career Services

- Contacts - <https://www.hacc.edu/Students/CareerServices/Career-Services-Contacts.cfm>
- Events - <https://www.hacc.edu/Students/CareerServices/CareerEvents/index.cfm>
- Internships and Experiential Learning Opportunities - <https://www.hacc.edu/Students/CareerServices/internships-and-experiential-learning-opportunities.cfm>
- List of employers - View the list of employers through your student account on College Central Network (CCN) – HACC's Career Services Platform – <https://www.collegecentral.com/hacc/> If you haven't yet activated your free, student CCN account please email careerservices@hacc.edu for assistance to activate your account today!

Student Involvement Events

The Student Involvement team would like to encourage you to attend these upcoming events. For event details, registration, and questions please:

- visit the [HACC Events Calendar](#).
- utilize this [flyer](#) to find the many ways to learn about upcoming events.
- register through this quick [Google Form](#) to receive weekly event emails.
- email studentinvolvement@hacc.edu.

Our Transfer Partners

Elizabethtown College's Department of Social Work invites students to transfer to Elizabethtown College to earn their Bachelor's in Social Work. The new dual admission program allows HACC students to earn their bachelor's degree from Elizabethtown College. Students can even have access to Etown resources while still enrolled at HACC. Students accepted to this program are also able to enroll in courses at Elizabethtown College that are not offered at HACC, but are required for the completion of the Elizabethtown College bachelor's degree. Tuition for up to two of these courses will be waived (<https://www.etown.edu/admissions/>). Etown strives to offer a financial aid package designed individually for each student, and a recent financial aid study found that the average debt at graduation was lower than most surrounding schools.

Our social work program offers small classes with a high number of field hours, including almost 700 hours of internships in the junior and senior years. Students are easily able to get to know their professors and classmates due to the size of the program. The program can be completed full or part-time and Elizabethtown's reputation and quality of education leads to great outcomes with 100% of the 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 graduating class having a job or acceptance to an MSW program within a month of graduation. For more information, please contact: James R. Corbin, MSW, LCSW - Social Work Program Director - corbinj@etown.edu or 717-361-4745.

Elizabethtown College's Human Services degree

The human services major at Elizabethtown College is a flexible adult degree program—all of the major courses are offered online, while core and general electives are offered online, onsite or blended. A wide range of major electives allows students to personalize the program to their unique interests. Additionally, Etown offers a separate major, [Human Services – Behavioral and Addictions Counseling](#)—for those looking for a more specific area of human services. After you complete the accelerated degree program in human services you can immediately work in entry-level, non-licensed positions within an array of human services organizations, or continue to pursue an advanced degree in counseling or a similar field. For more information, go to this link:

<http://www.etowndegrees.com/programs/bachelors/human-services.aspx>

Millersville University School of Social Work

Since 1981, the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work program at Millersville University has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, making it the leading social work program in central Pennsylvania. The program curriculum is structured to provide students with valuable classroom experiences as well as experiential learning. In this major, students are required to complete 14 social work courses, two social work electives, four additional related courses, and 450 hours of field instruction. The program is sequenced so that students build upon previous acquired knowledge allowing them to integrate various core social work concepts. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in international experiences, the Learning Institute's Global Well-Being and Social Change lifelong learning opportunities, Legislative Education and Advocacy Day, departmental honors thesis, faculty/student research, and many other opportunities to build a social work professional identity.

Affirming the mission of Millersville University, a public, liberal arts institution situated in South Central Pennsylvania, the Baccalaureate Social Work Program educates students to be competent, evidence-informed social work professionals who embrace core social work values; enhance human and community well-being promote social, economic, and environmental justice; and advance human rights through generalist social work practice. The University and the Program provide a learning environment that prepares students to work in an increasingly diverse society and to meet contemporary social, cultural, economic, political, and global challenges.

Upon graduation, students are eligible to apply for state licensure, as well as continue their education in a Master's of Social Work graduate program.

Links to programs:

BASW F2F: [8054_CEHS_Social Work Cut Sheet.indd \(millersville.edu\)](#)

BASW Online Degree Completion: [basw-online-degree-completion-cutsheet_final.pdf \(millersville.edu\)](#)

MSW (this includes the dual degree and certificate/certifications programs): [master-social-work.pdf \(millersville.edu\)](#)

Some students may be eligible for a program received by Millersville University. It is a federal grant to support MSW students who are interested in working in the behavioral health field. This is a four-year grant and you may read more about it here: [PRIME: Promoting Rigorous & Interdisciplinary Mental Healthcare Education | Millersville University](#)

This year, Millersville University is launching the accelerated BASW to MSW option to juniors. This option is available to eligible students who are excelling academically and interested in applying to MSW upon completion of BASW degree. Students are able to complete up to 4 MSW electives while completing their BASW degree that satisfy both undergraduate and later MSW degree graduate requirements. The students pay for the courses at the undergraduate rate. This not only reduces the overall cost of their graduate education but the number of credits they complete once enrolled in the MSW program.

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Kat Walsh - BASW F2F Coordinator Kathleen.Walsh@millersville.edu; Leonora Foels - Online Degree Completion Coordinator Leonora.Foels@millersville.edu; Laura Granruth - MSW Coordinator Laura.Granruth@millersville.edu

Shippensburg University's Department of Social Work and Gerontology offers students the opportunity to continue their journey in our Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program on main campus or in Harrisburg. Both programs offer small classes for an inclusive, experiential learning environment that promotes collaboration between peers and expert faculty. The mission of the program is to provide comprehensive preparation for competent entry level social work practice and/or graduate study. This program includes (1) a curriculum grounded in the generalist approach; (2) a special emphasis on the respect for diversity and human rights; and (3) involvement and leadership in the practice community from the local to the global. Students who graduate from the program are eligible for PA licensure and/or may qualify for advanced standing in an MSW program. Advanced standing shortens the length of time that is required in graduate school and our MSW program offers this option. Learn more here: Social Work Program Information: <https://www.ship.edu/programs/social-work-bsw/>
Harrisburg degree completion program:

https://www.ship.edu/academics/colleges/pcde/Continuing_Education_Programs/bsw_cohort/

Or contact Dr. Liz Fisher, Department Chair, eafish@ship.edu