Human Services Program News
Fall 2018

Below are some informational items, notice of a job and internship fair, professional development opportunities, and upcoming events and conferences. Our faculty wish you a successful fall semester!

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Program News

New Degree Requirements - There are new degree requirements for those students who enroll in the Human Services or Social Services degree programs in the fall 2018 semester or later. Students who have declared their major prior to the fall 2018 semester are not affected by these changes. Please see our webpage for information about our program: http://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Programs/HealthCareers/Human-Service-Social-Services.cfm

For the Social Services AA requirements, go to this page: http://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Social-Services-5060.cfm

- View summaries of every course at HACC by browsing our class schedules database.
- Review our program guide (pdf) to view a list of required courses, recommended course sequencing and program competencies.
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For the Human Services AAS requirements, go to this page: http://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Human-Services-New-Fall-2018-5556.cfm?cssearch=437107_1

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If you are planning to take the HUMS 215 Field Work Practicum in the spring or summer, contact your practicum coordinator listed below this semester to apply, obtain clearances, and interview at your chosen site. Sites for fingerprinting for FBI clearances are at this link: https://www.identogo.com/locations

- Students must submit an application for Fieldwork Practicum to the HUMS 215 Instructor by August 1 for the fall semester, November 15 for the spring semester, and April 15 for the summer semester.
- Information may be found in the Practicum Handbook at this link (application packet is contained in Appendix E): http://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Programs/HealthCareers/upload/HUMS-215-Practicum-Handbook.pdf
- Practicum coordinators are: Melinda Eash (Harrisburg Campus) - mmeash@hacc.edu; Tammy Hendrix (Lancaster/York Campuses) - thendrix@hacc.edu; and Aimee Bollinger Smith (Gettysburg Campus) - abolling@hacc.edu
Do you need ideas for a Practicum placement site? One resource is our Career Services: http://www.hacc.edu/Students/CareerServices/CareerEvents/index.cfm

Are you aware we offer four of our Human Services courses online? Our virtual offerings include: HUMS 108 Drugs & Alcohol: Use & Abuse, HUMS 120 Social Welfare Programs & Policies, HUMS 122 Skills and Methods in Human Services II, and HUMS 206 Human Development in a Social Environment.

Did you know there are scholarships for Human Services program majors? Don’t miss out on FREE money! Click here for more information or cut and paste into your browser: http://www.hacc.edu/Paying/CanIGetAid/ScholarshipsandGrants/index.cfm

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: https://www.collegecentral.com/hacc/.

Human Services Job/Internship Fair
HACC’s Career Services will host a job fair for Human Services/Social Services majors on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The fair will be held on the Harrisburg campus on the first floor of the Select Medical building. Mark your calendars!

Human Services Club
If you are interested in starting a Human Services Student club at your campus, you are encouraged to speak to your peers or any Human Services faculty member. You should also speak to representatives from the Office of Student Development & Multicultural Programs at your campus to find out about the specific process for beginning a Human Services Club.

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/hacc.aspx). 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 Etown’s reputation and quality of education leads to great outcomes with 100% of the 2017 graduating class having a job or acceptance to an MSW program within a month of graduation. For more information, please contact: Andy Dunlap, PhD, LCSW, Associate Professor of Social Work, Social Work Department Chair, at (717)361-1446 or dunlapal@etown.edu
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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 16 social work courses, two social work electives, four additional related courses, and 500 hours of field experience. 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 service learning trips; the Learning Institute’s Global Well-Being and Social Change training opportunity; Legislative Advocacy Day; and a departmental honors thesis and faculty/student research.

The Baccalaureate Social Work Program educates students to be competent, evidence-informed social work professionals. The primary mission is to provide students with the necessary skills to achieve entry level professional competence as generalist social work practitioners. A degree in social work affords students the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to promote social justice and change in any social work practice area. Students are taught to embrace core values of the profession, enhance human and community well-being, and promote social and economic justice. 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. The learning environment fostered by Millersville’s School of Social Work prepares students to meet contemporary social, cultural, economic, political, and global challenges.

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Shippensburg University’s Department of Social Work and Gerontology offers students the opportunity to continue their journey in a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree completion program at the Dixon University Center (DUC) in Harrisburg, PA. The BSW Cohort offers small classes for an inclusive, experiential learning environment that promotes collaboration between peers and expert faculty. Cohorts begin every two years. Visit http://www.ship.edu/pcde/programs/bsw_cohort/ for more information.

The BSW Degree Completion Program is designed for students who:
- Have completed an associate’s degree or earned at least 48 transferable credits with a minimum 2.40 GPA
- Want to complete all courses in Harrisburg
- Desire an evening course schedule
- Want a quality education at an affordable cost
- Want to earn a degree within 2.5 years, depending on their schedule

**Professional Development**

**Human Services-Board Certified Practitioner**
Students enrolled in HACC’s Human Services program can register for and take the HS-BCP exam prior to graduation, without applying for the HS-BCP at the time of the examination. For more information: http://www.cce-global.org/HSBCP

**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 service to humanity. For information: https://nohs.memberclicks.net/about-us-tua

**Events**
Dept. of Drug and Alcohol Programs Kick-Off to Recovery Month Event: September 5, 2018 at 11:00 am at the PA State Capitol, Main Rotunda, Harrisburg, PA
Please join DDAP in kicking off National Recovery Month, emceed by DDAP Secretary Jennifer Smith.
The event will feature speakers, give-a-ways and exhibitor tables.
Hosted By the PA Dept. of Drug and Alcohol Programs

**Conferences**
**National Organization for Human Services (NOHS) 2018 Conference** – October 24-27, 2018
The Annual Conference will be held in Philadelphia, PA at the beautiful Sonesta Hotel. Details are at http://www.nationalhumanservices.org/