

Social Service Majors

Gerontology (GERN), Mental Health (MNTL), Social Work (SOWK), and Substance Abuse (SUBS)

Associate in Arts Degree in Social Services (AA_SOSC)

Gerontology

Gerontology workers perform a wide variety of functions in the field of elder care. They are employed by nursing homes, adult day care centers, senior centers and some hospitals. Gerontology workers are trained to assist elder clients with daily living, physical care, recreation and supportive companionship.

Mental Health

Mental health workers are trained to assist people who have mild to severe emotional problems and mental illnesses. They may find employment in group homes, hospitals, mental health agencies, community centers and assisted living programs designed to help clients of all ages achieve functional independence to their maximum capacity. They may function as advocates, intake interviewers, case aides, home visitors, program coordinators and counselors to children. Three internships are an integral part of each student's professional preparation program.

Social Work

Social work students are provided with foundation courses that prepare them to be social service providers in a wide variety of agency program and community settings with clients of all ages. From advocacy and social activism to therapeutic assistance to children and families, social workers impact all phases of a client's life. Three internships are an integral part of each student's program of study and there are a variety of B.S.W. and M.S.W. programs available in Rhode Island for advanced study.

Substance Abuse

Substance abuse workers are trained in clinical skills that prepare them for employment in prevention, early intervention and rehabilitative treatment programs with adolescents and adults at risk or suffering with addictive and compulsive disorders. Three internships are an integral part of each student's professional preparation and CCRI courses are a firm foundation for Rhode Island's licensure credential. Rhode Island College (RIC) offers a B.A. in Addiction Studies and the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island (DATA) provides training for the Certification of Chemical Dependency Prevention Professionals in Rhode Island.

Transfer Information

The Human Services program at CCRI has a solid articulation transfer agreement with the School of Social Work at RIC that provides full transfer of all courses completed for the social work major toward the B.S.W. Students must follow the new transfer guide or obtain copies from their Human Services faculty advisers.

Note: Students enrolled in the Human Services program must earn a grade of C or better in all Human Services courses. Students should consider transfer requirements when selecting math and science courses.

Many courses require prerequisites, corequisites and/or testing. [See course descriptions for details.](#)

[RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE - Mental Health](#)

[RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE - Social Work](#)

[RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE - Substance Abuse](#)

General Education Requirements

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NOTES	CREDITS
ENGL 1010	Composition I	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
Literature, Fine Arts OR Language Elective		Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived. See this page for complete list of courses that fulfill the LITR, FINE or LANG attribute.	3
MATH	MATH 0101 for proficiency OR MATH Elective (recommended for transfer)	Selection of math and science courses for transfer should be done in consultation with a Human Services faculty adviser during the first semester of study.	3
PSYC 2010	General Psychology	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	4
PSYC 2020	Social Psychology	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
PSYC 2030	Developmental Psychology	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
Science Elective		Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived. A lab science is recommended for transfer. Selection of math and science courses for transfer should be done in consultation with a Human Services faculty adviser during the first semester of study.	3
SOCS 1010 ORSOCS 2040	General Sociology OR Cultural Diversity	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
Social Science Electives		Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived. Choose six credits from Categories 1–4.	6
Total General Education Requirements Credits			31

Major Education Requirements

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NOTES	CREDITS
HMNS 1010	Introduction to Helping and Human Services	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
HMNS 2200	Assessment Interviewing for Treatment Planning	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
HMNS 1200	Practicum I: Service Learning	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
HMNS 2130	Therapeutic Interventions I: Working with Individuals	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
HMNS 1040	Drugs and Human Behavior		4
HMNS 2340 ORHMNS 2360	Field Experience Seminar II: Social Work and Gerontology OR Mental Health and Substance Abuse		3
HMNS 2110	Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare		4
HMNS 2135 OR HMNS 2230	Therapeutic Interventions II: Group Process and Practice OR Individuals, Families and Small Groups	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
HMNS 2440 OR HMNS 2460	Field Experience Seminar III: Social Work and Gerontology OR Mental Health and Substance Abuse	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
HMNS 2900	Human Services Capstone	Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.	3
Human Services Elective		Select one course from Category 5 . If you take a three-credit math, you may omit this elective, as 60 credits are required to graduate.	3
Total Major Education Requirements Credits			35

Total Program Credits: 63-67

Category choices for Social Science and Human Services electives

- **Category 1:** PSYC 1030, 1970, 2040, 2050, 2090, 2110
- **Category 2:** SOCS 2020, 2030, 2040, 2300, 2310
- **Category 3:** ECON 2030, 2040
- **Category 4:** POLS 1010, 1030
- **Category 5:** HMNS 1060, 1090, 2070, 2135, 2150, 2160, 2210, 2220, 2230, *Field II experience outside one's concentration.* HMNS 2220 meets RIC transfer requirements.