

## 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**

| <b>COURSE NO.</b>                             | <b>COURSE TITLE</b>   | <b>COURSE NOTES</b>   | <b>CREDITS</b> |
|---|---|---|----------------|
| ENGL 1010                                     | Composition I   | Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.   | 3              |
| Literature, Fine Arts<br>OR Language Elective |   | Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.<br>See this page for complete list of courses that fulfill the LITR, FINE or LANG attribute.  | 3              |
| MATH  | MATH 0101 for proficiency<br>OR MATH Elective ( <b>recommended for transfer</b> ) | 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.<br><b>A lab science is recommended for transfer.</b><br>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<br>ORSOCS 2040                      | General Sociology<br>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.<br>Choose six credits from Categories 1-4.  | 6              |
| Total General Education Requirements Credits  |   |   | 31             |

**Major Education Requirements**

| <b>COURSE NO.</b>                          | <b>COURSE TITLE</b>   | <b>COURSE NOTES</b>  | <b>CREDITS</b> |
|--|---|--|----------------|
| 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<br>ORHMNS 2360                   | Field Experience Seminar II: Social Work and Gerontology<br>OR Mental Health and Substance Abuse      |  | 3              |
| HMNS 2110                                  | Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare  |  | 4              |
| HMNS 2135<br>OR HMNS 2230                  | Therapeutic Interventions II: Group Process and Practice<br>OR Individuals, Families and Small Groups | Courses/requirements that may not be substituted or waived.  | 3              |
| HMNS 2440<br>OR HMNS 2460                  | Field Experience Seminar III: Social Work and Gerontology<br>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 <a href="#">Category 5</a> . 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.