

Human Services

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

This full-time online degree completion program prepares students for careers in various agencies and programs providing direct services to individuals, families, or communities. It builds upon associate's level course work that can be transferred to Lees-McRae College. This 60 credit hour program can be completed over two years and leads to a BAAS in human services.

The human services field is a broadly defined one, uniquely approaching the objective of meeting human needs through an interdisciplinary knowledge base, focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems and maintaining a commitment to improving the overall quality of life of service populations. The human services profession is one which promotes improved service delivery systems by addressing not only the quality of direct services, but by also seeking to improve accessibility, accountability, and coordination among professionals and agencies in service delivery.

The primary purpose of the human service professional is to assist individual and communities to function as effectively as possible in the major domains of living. A strong desire to help others is an important consideration for a job as a human services professional. Individuals who show patience, understanding, and caring in their dealings with others are highly valued by employers. Other important personal traits include communication skills, a strong sense of responsibility, and the ability to manage time effectively.

Human Services Requirements:

- General Education Requirements
- Completion of an associate degree in human services (or a related discipline)
- Liberal Arts Requirements
- Major Requirements

Total Credit Hours | 60

General Education Requirements

Completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Human Services degree or related field. Community college coursework must include HSE 110.

All courses are taken online and through the Brightspace Learning Management System.

Major Requirements | 60 Credit Hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
ART 250 Art & Life*	3 credit hours
BIO 102 Environmental Biology*	3 credit hours
HIS 210 History of the Southern Appalachian Region*	3 credit hours
HMS 311 Essential Skills in Human Services	3 credit hours
HMS 321 Culture & Diversity	3 credit hours
HMS 323 Personal & Professional Identity	3 credit hours
HMS 331 Social Barriers & Public Policy	3 credit hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
HMS 333 Psychopathology & Maladaptive Behavior	3 credit hours
HMS 335 Community Resources & Intra-Professional Networks	3 credit hours
HMS 380 Statistics & Research Methods	3 credit hours
HMS 411 Human Services Administration & Non-Profit Management	3 credit hours
HMS 421 Navigating Relationships	3 credit hours
HMS 423 Human Services for Special Populations	3 credit hours
HMS 471/472 Human Services Internship/Work Experience	3 credit hours
HMS 431 Aging, Ageism & End of Life	3 credit hours
HMS 441 Leadership & Advocacy	3 credit hours
HMS 499 Senior Research	3 credit hours
PSY 201 Human Growth & Development	3 credit hours
SCI 241 Math & Science Concepts*	3 credit hours
SCI 214 Science with Applications*	3 credit hours

*Required Liberal Arts Courses