

ADDICTIONS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT

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The Addictions, Mental Health, and Social Work Assistant degree program prepares students with the knowledge and skills to support people with diverse challenges and needs. They are employed in settings such as community service centers, job and family services, mental health agencies, addictions centers, correctional facilities, domestic violence shelters, recovery houses, homeless shelters, and so many more.

Graduates may be eligible for registration as a Social Work Assistant (SWA) through the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, and the Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) through the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. For students interested in a bachelor's degree, this degree program is a great start by obtaining employable skills, while also having transfer opportunities into the Bachelor's of Social Work or Addiction Studies programs.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, the student will be able to:

1. Explain the scope and main features of the field, such as its development, theories, practices, and interactions of human systems.
2. Demonstrate competency in core helping skills such as listening, writing, speaking, observation, interviewing, intake assessment, social assessment, intervention methods, record-keeping, goal planning, case management, group facilitation, crisis intervention, referrals, advocacy, cultural competence, orientation, education and prevention services.
3. Behave professionally, ethically and legally in their responsibilities to consumers, colleagues, practice settings, employers, society, to self, and to the profession.
4. Assess awareness of their own strengths, limitations, attitudes, values, personalities, interpersonal/ reaction styles and how these may affect their professional practice.
5. Perform entry-level skills competently in a professional setting by having participated in experiential training and reflection (learning by doing/experience).

Grading Policy

Academic standards are found under Grading and Credit System of the Student Handbook section of this catalog. Addictions, Mental Health, and Social Work Assistant students must attain a "C" grade in each Human Service (HUM) course. Any Human Service (HUM) course in which a grade below a "C" is received must be repeated.

Curriculum Options

Students are encouraged to review their individual needs with the department chairperson when considering full-time and part-time

alternatives. Additionally, students should review educational needs in conjunction with current work experiences.

Articulations (2+2 Option)

Students interested in pursuing a Bachelor's degree should speak to a an Addictions, Mental Health, and Social Work Assistant Faculty Advisor early in their Rhodes State College career.

Technical Standards

See here for details.

Tech Prep Partner

See here for details.

Addictions, Mental Health, and Social Work Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree

First Year

First Semester		Hours
COM 1110	English Composition	3
HUM 1111	Introduction to Social Work	3
HUM 1150	Interviewing Techniques in Addictions, Mental Health and Social Work	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
SOC 1010	Sociology	3
SDE 1010	First Year Experience	1
Term Hours		16

Second Semester


HST 1620	American History Since 1877	3
MTH 1151 or MTH 1260	Quantitative Reasoning or Statistics	3
HUM 1900	Professional Preparation and Engagement	2
HUM 2100	Case Management in Addictions, Mental Health and Social Work	3
HUM 2230	Issues and Ethics in Helping	3
Technical Elective		2-3
Term Hours		16-17

Second Year

First Semester		Hours
COM 2110 or COM 2213	Public Speaking or Verbal Judo	3
PSY 1730	Abnormal Psychology	3
HUM 1710	Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders	3
HUM 2400	Crisis Management	3
HUM 2991	Practicum I	2
Technical Elective		2-3
Term Hours		16-17

Second Semester

HUM 2170	Dynamics of Mental Health and Substance Use	3
HUM 2310	Group Dynamics/Intervention	3
HUM 2710	Addictions Counseling	3

PSY 2150	Lifespan Psychology	3
HUM 2992	 Practicum II	2
Term Hours		14
Total Hours		62-64

 Capstone Course

¹ **If planning to pursue a bachelor degree, choose from one of the OTM/TAG approved Math courses. See MTH courses in Course Description section of this catalog.**

See here for Capstone information.

Prerequisites:

Students should check course prerequisites before registering.

Prerequisites are listed in the Course Tab.

Addictions, Mental Health, and Social Work Assistant Electives

Technical Electives

Code	Title	Hours
HUM 1990	Independent Study in HUM	1-3
HUM 2000	Special Topics in Human Services	1-3
HUM 1212	Social Welfare in the United States	3
HUM 1720	Aging and Gerontology	3
HUM 1980	The Color of Justice	2
HUM 2040	Psychology and the Legal System	2
HUM 2030	Criminal Minds	3

Please see an advisor when considering a 2+2 option.

Admission Requirements

See the General Admissions Procedures in the College catalog.

Students who begin the curriculum in spring semester or who need developmental course support should recognize that it may take longer than four semesters to complete the program.

Individuals must recognize that to be successful in the Human Service field, there are important disposition and professional conduct factors, such as being emotionally mature, respectful, dependable, and responsible.