Human Services Technology

Associate of Applied Science

Human Services Technology students learn to provide services for individuals, families, groups and communities in need. HST is a two-year course of study leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree. The goal of the program is to provide a generalist approach that develops knowledge and skills applicable to a variety of diverse settings, such as social services, corrections, mental health and substance abuse. The degree also allows students to apply for the Social Work Assistant registration through the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board upon completion of required coursework.

Program Description

Human Services Technology provides technical training within a broad liberal arts setting. Students are able to learn hands-on skills while participating in courses such as: behavior modification, intervention strategies and group dynamics. Students also benefit from a comprehensive liberal arts education in other diverse subjects such as: communications, psychology, natural sciences and a wide range of electives.

Students are required to complete two semesters of a practicum experience. The practicum site is an agency/program of interest to the student. The site must be approved by the HST Practicum instructor. Students have the opportunity to practice generalist skills under the supervision of an approved practicum supervisor.

Career Opportunities

The HST program prepares students for generalist careers in social service, criminal justice, mental health, substance abuse, health care and other diverse fields. Upon graduation, students are employed as case managers, advocates, community organizers, residential workers, prevention workers and a variety of other professional roles.
Degree Requirements

Core Requirements

- ENG 1510  Writing & Rhetoric I
- PSY 1010  General Psychology
- PSY 2710  Abnormal Psychology
- SW 1000  Social Work Intro
- BIOS 1030  Human Biology I
- HLTH 2040  Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs
- COMS 1010  Fundamentals of Human Communication
- COMS 1030  Public Speaking
- COMS 1100  Communication Among Cultures
- MATH 1200  College Algebra
- PSY 1110  Elementary Statistical Reasoning
- PHIL 1200  Principles of Reasoning
- PSY 2410  Child & Adolescent Psychology
- PSY 2720  Psychology of Personality
- SOC 1000  Introduction to Sociology

Any SW course, except SW 1000
HST 2900  HST Special Topics
Any SW course not part of another requirement

Major Requirements

- HST 1000  Intro: Human Services Technology
- HST 1200  Crisis Intervention
- HST 1500  Behavior Management
- HST 1650  Intervention Strategies
- HST 1700  Group Dynamics
- HST 1750  Chemical Dependency
- HST 1900  Case Management
- HST 2921  Practicum I
- HST 2922  Practicum II
- HST 2980  Research in Human Services

Associate’s to Bachelor’s Degree Options

Students are encouraged to continue their education after completion of the HST degree. Various Bachelor’s degree options include: Criminal Justice, Social Work, Bachelor of Specialized Studies, Bachelor of Technical & Applied Studies, and Communication Studies. These four-year degree programs are available in their entirety at the Lancaster Campus.

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The Possibilities are Endless:
Ohio University Lancaster offers all the benefits and services of a major university; the convenience of a community college; the affordability of state-assisted tuition; the hands-on learning opportunities of a technical school; and the academic foundation of a university education.

Situated on 113 acres on the northern edge of Lancaster, the campus serves students from throughout central Ohio. The two largest buildings, Brasee Hall and Herrold Hall, house classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories, faculty offices, a library, art studios, an art gallery, a gymnasium, theatre, an exercise room, a dance studio, a student lounge, and a bookstore. The library offers more than 60,000 volumes, research databases, OhioLINK access, and a learning commons.

All of the Lancaster Campus faculty members hold at least a master’s degree in their fields. More than half of the professors teaching in traditional academic areas such as the humanities, the social/behavioral sciences, the natural sciences, and mathematics hold doctoral degrees. All of the technical faculty have master’s degrees and bring employment-oriented experience to their labs and classrooms.

To keep abreast of developments in their fields, professors actively conduct research, write and present papers at national and international conferences, and publish journal articles and books. Faculty members also advise students in selecting courses that meet degree requirements and assist students when they have difficulties understanding course materials.

People of all ages and all backgrounds take courses for credit and non-credit at Ohio University Lancaster and the Pickerington Center each year. Students, instructors, and professors believe this mix makes a vital contribution to the learning experience.

Many students work part- or full-time and find that scheduling classes around employment is indeed possible. Most students who are employed full time take less than a full course load. Students may choose day or evening classes.

Services available to Ohio University Lancaster students include career planning, job placement, basic skills education, a tutoring (Learning Resources) center, a bookstore, food services, babysitting for pre-school age children, financial aid counseling, and assistance with veteran’s benefits. Students attending the Lancaster Campus may take advantage of any services offered to Athens students.