

HUMAN SERVICES

About Us

Social and human services assistant is a generic term for individuals with a wide variety of job titles, including human services worker, case management aide, social work assistant, community support worker, mental health aide, community outreach worker, life-skills counselor or gerontology aide.

Human services assistants provide direct and indirect client services to ensure that individuals in their care reach their maximum level of functioning. They assess clients' needs, establish eligibility for public benefits and help clients obtain them, arrange for transportation and escorts, monitor and keep case records, organize and lead group activities, assist clients in need of counseling or crisis intervention, administer food banks and emergency fuel programs, help clients with daily living and communication skills, and provide emotional support.

Although the human services field is broad and diverse, it is unified by the goal of meeting human needs by applying an interdisciplinary base of knowledge and skills, focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems, and improving the overall quality of life of individuals, families and communities through direct services to clients. The human services profession also promotes improved service delivery systems by addressing the quality of direct services provided and by seeking to improve accessibility, accountability and coordination among professionals and agencies in delivering human services.

Undergraduate Programs

- Human Services (BS) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/human-services/human-services-bs/>)

Undergraduate Policies and Procedures

Please see Undergraduate Policies and Procedures (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate-academic-standards-regulations/>) for academic policies that supersede those of academic units within the University.

Human Services (HMSV)

HMSV 101 Survey of Human Services (3 Credit Hours)

Survey of Human Services will cover basic concepts and models of service delivery in the field. Primary emphasis will be on the growth and evolution of the field, types of services and needy populations, and issues that affect the delivery of human services in the United States.

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services

HMSV 201 Human Services Practice (3 Credit Hours)

The purpose of this course is to prepare students for their future work in HMSV agencies and to introduce them to HMSV clients. The course will teach students about the basic issues that face HMSV providers and will help them put a human face on HMSV clients. In addition, the course will emphasize the importance of client diversity in formulating assessment and case management strategies for HMSV clients.

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services

This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

HMSV 390 Supervised Fieldwork II (6 Credit Hours)

No course description is available

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