The human services program is a broadly based, applied program emphasizing both professional course work in the human services and course work in the social sciences and liberal arts. As a student, you will take courses that provide you with the skills and knowledge to be successful when working in a variety of human services agencies. You will also have the opportunity to take electives in specialty areas such as education, substance abuse, criminal justice, and gerontology.

**DIRECT ENTRY INTO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Alfred State human services graduates may enter directly into either the human services management BS, the interdisciplinary studies BTech, or the technology management BBA degree program.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The human services program offers excellent transfer potential in fields such as psychology, human services, human services management, education, social work, sociology, criminal justice, gerontology, and communications. Among the colleges to which recent graduates have successfully transferred are: Alfred University, Mansfield University, Hilbert College, SUNY at Brockport, University of Buffalo, and SUNY at Stony Brook.

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

In Practicum (HUSR 1074) students complete a substantial internship providing direct service to clients at one local/regional human services agency. Agencies include Accord Corp., Alfred Montessori School, Allegany County ARC, Allegany County Department of Health, Allegany County Office of the Aging, Allegany Rehabilitation Associates, Inc., Catholic Charities, Hornell Area Concern for Youth, Trapping Brook House, and the YMCA of Hornell.

Be advised that a prior felony conviction may impede a student’s ability to participate in an internship and complete the program.

**OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Early childhood programs
- Education
- Social services
- Youth services
- Elderly services
- Criminal justice
- Disability services
- Substance abuse programs
- Activity directors

**EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS**

Employment and continuing education rate of 75 percent – 25 percent are employed; 50 percent continued their education.

**RELATED PROGRAMS**

- Human Services Management
- Individual Studies
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

Required: Algebra

Recommended: Geometry, Biology

**Technical Standards - Human Services**

These technical standards have been established to inform students of the skills and standards necessary for completion of the human services program and as a professional in the field of human services.
Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to properly participate in this program may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services. This office may be contacted by email at oas@alfredstate.edu or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations may take time to implement, so students seeking accommodations are encouraged to contact OAS as early as possible.

**HUMAN SERVICES - AS DEGREE**

**TYPICAL FOUR-SEMESTER PROGRAM**

**First**
- COMP 1503 Freshman Composition 3
- PSYC 1013 General Psychology 3
- SOCI 1163 General Sociology 3
- HUSR 2083 Introduction to Human Services 3
- GLST 2113 Global & Diverse Perspectives 3
- HPED xxx1 Physical Education 1
- HUSR 2083 fall only

**Second**
- PSYC 1063 Basic Helping Skills 3
- PSYC 1023 Human Development 3
- HUSR 4033 Issues in Human Services 3
- XXX xxx3 Liberal Arts Elective 3
- MATH 1113 Statistical Concepts OR Statistics I 3
- HUSR 4033 spring only

**Third**
- SOCI 1223 Power, Privilege, & Difference 3
- LITR xxx3 Literature Elective 3
- XXX xxx3 Department Elective 3
- XXX xxx3 Natural Science Elective 3
- SPCH 1083 Effective Speaking 3
- HUSR 4033 fall only

**Fourth**
- SOCI 1183 Contemporary Social Problems 3
- HUSR 1074 Practicum in Human Services 4
- XXX xxx3 American History Elective 3
- XXX xxx3 Liberal Arts Elective 3
- XXX xxx3 Open Elective 3
- HUSR 1074 with a “B” or higher

Also required: One credit hour of physical education.

**PRACTICUM (HUSR 1074) PREREQUISITES**
- Good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher)
- Completion of PSYC 1063 and either HUSR 2083 or HUSR 4033 with a “C” or higher grade
- Submission of HUSR 1074 practicum application form to the departmental practicum coordinator
- Approval of the department faculty
- Ability to pass any agency required background check

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**
- Good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher)
- Successful completion of all courses in the prescribed four-semester plan
- “C” average or higher needed in HUSR 2083, HUSR 4033, and PSYC 1063
- HUSR 1074 with a “B” or higher
- Submission of the college’s degree application form

**ABILITY**

**STANDARD**

- **Physical Demands/Motor Skills**: Students must possess physical ability to navigate in the classroom, intern site, and community.

- **Critical Thinking/Observation/Sensory/Reasoning Skills**: Demonstrate remembering, understanding, applying, analyzing, and evaluating human services-related skills.

- **Emotional and Mental**: Demonstrate emotional and mental regulation.

- **Behavioral/Social Skills and Professionalism**: Capacity to work with individuals, families, groups, and colleagues from a variety of social/emotional, agencies/organizations that support them.

- **Communication Skills**: Communication skills sufficient to communicate in class and in human service agencies/organizations.

*Students must sign a document indicating they understand that if they have a felony conviction they may not pass a background check for employment in human services.*