

**PROPOSED CURRICULUM STANDARD**

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| Curriculum Program Title | <b>Human Services Technology</b>    | Code | A4538x |
| Concentration            | <b>Animal Assisted Interactions</b> |      |        |

***Curriculum Description***

The Human Services Technology/Animal Assisted Interactions concentration prepares individuals for entry-level positions in service organizations providing animal interactions. The curriculum prepares students to incorporate specially selected animals in goal-directed interactions to improve human physical, social, emotional, and/or cognitive functioning.

Course work includes a history of the field of animal interventions, relevant scientific evidence regarding the benefits of interactions, theoretical models, application of animal interventions and current trends. Students gain skills in measurement methodology and in animal handling and management.

Graduates should qualify for employment in mental health, youth services, social services, rehabilitation, correction, elder, and educational agencies. Upon completion of the degree, students may be eligible for certification through national or international organizations.

***Curriculum Requirements***

*[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204(3)]*

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

|   | <b>AAS</b>   | <b>Diploma</b> | <b>Certificate</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Minimum General Education Hours               | 15           | 6              | 0                  |
| Minimum Major Hours                           | 49           | 30             | 12                 |
| Other Required Hours                          | 0-7          | 0-4            | 0-1                |
| <b>Total Semester Hours Credit in Program</b> | <b>64-67</b> | <b>36-48</b>   | <b>12-18</b>       |

**PROPOSED****Major Hours**

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration (if applicable).** A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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|  | <b>AAS</b>    | <b>Diploma</b> | <b>Certificate</b> |
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| <b>Minimum Major Hours</b>   | <b>49 SHC</b> | <b>30 SHC</b>  | <b>12 SHC</b>      |
| <b>A. CORE</b><br><i>A diploma offered under this AAS degree requires a minimum of 12 SHC extracted from the required subject/course core of the AAS degree</i>  | <b>25 SHC</b> | <b>12 SHC</b>  |                    |
| <b>Required Courses:</b><br>HSE 110 Introduction to Human Services 3 SHC<br>HSE 112 Group Process I 2 SHC<br>HSE 123 Interviewing Techniques 3 SHC<br>HSE 125 Counseling 3 SHC<br>HSE 210 Human Services Issues 2 SHC<br>HSE 225 Crisis Intervention 3 SHC<br>PSY 150 General Psychology 3 SHC   |               |                |                    |
| <b>Required Subject Areas:</b><br><b>Psychology. Select one:</b><br>PSY 110 Life Span Development 3 SHC<br>PSY 241 Developmental Psychology 3 SHC<br>PSY 281 Abnormal Psychology 3 SHC<br><br><b>Sociology. Select one:</b><br>SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology 3 SHC<br>SOC 213 Sociology of the Family 3 SHC<br>SOC 220 Social Problems 3 SHC                                       |               |                |                    |
| <b>CONCENTRATION</b><br><i>Courses unique to the concentration are designated with **</i>  | <b>13 SHC</b> | <b>13 SHC</b>  |                    |
| ** AAI 110 Animal Interactions Intro 1 SHC<br>AAI 120 Animals in Human Lives 3 SHC<br>** AAI 130 Animal Handling Skills 3 SHC<br>** AAI 210 Interaction Methodology 3 SHC<br>* * AAI 220 Interaction Documentation 3 SHC   |               |                |                    |
| <b>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS</b><br><i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i><br><br>BIO, BUS, CIS, COE, CSC, DDT, GRO, HEA, HSC, HSE, MED, MHA, OST, PBT, PSY, SAB, SOC, SWK, AAI and WEB<br><i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i> |               |                |                    |

Approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on \_\_\_\_\_.