**Curriculum Description**

The Human Services Technology curriculum prepares students for entry-level positions in institutions and agencies which provide social, community, and educational services. Along with core courses, students take courses which prepare them for specialization in specific human service areas.

Students will take courses from a variety of disciplines. Emphasis in core courses is placed on development of relevant knowledge, skills, and attitudes in human services. Fieldwork experience will provide opportunities for application of knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

Graduates should qualify for positions in mental health, child care, family services, social services, rehabilitation, correction, and educational agencies. Graduates choosing to continue their education may select from a variety of transfer programs at senior public and private institutions.

**Curriculum Requirements***

*for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10*

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-based learning 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.

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*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*
**Major Hours**

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-based learning 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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**Required Courses:**

- HSE 110 Introduction to Human Services 3 SHC
- HSE 112 Group Process I 2 SHC
- HSE 123 Interviewing Techniques 3 SHC
- HSE 125 Counseling 3 SHC
- HSE 210 Human Services Issues 2 SHC
- HSE 225 Crisis Intervention 3 SHC
- PSY 150 General Psychology 3 SHC

**Required Subject Areas:**

**Psychology.** Select one:

- PSY 110 Life Span Development 3 SHC
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology 3 SHC
- PSY 281 Abnormal Psychology 3 SHC

**Sociology.** Select one:

- SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology 3 SHC
- SOC 213 Sociology of the Family 3 SHC
- SOC 220 Social Problems 3 SHC

B. **CONCENTRATION** *(Not applicable)*

C. **OTHER MAJOR HOURS**

*To be selected from the following prefixes: BIO, CIS, CSC, DDT, GRO, HEA, HSC, HSE, MED, MHA, OST, PBT, PED, POL, PSY, SAB, SOC, SWK, WBL, and WEB*

*Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.*

*Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.*