



at a glance

# Human Services

**Degree:** Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)  
**Entry time:** Fall  
**Length:** 2 year (4 or 5 semesters)

## Program Description

Become prepared to help people in times of crisis. Gain insight about people of all backgrounds. Explore community-based and federal programs, document preparation, and problem solving. Learn hands on and through observation from professionals with real-world experience.

## Career Opportunities

Case Worker  
Case Manager  
Community Outreach Worker  
Substance Abuse Counselor  
Social and Community Service Management  
Court Support Worker  
Crisis Support Worker  
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## Sample Classes

Human Service Policy and Programs  
Health and Psychosocial Rehabilitation  
Introduction to Psychology  
Loss, Trauma and Resilience  
Developmental Psychology  
Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies  
Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Counseling Theories and Techniques  
Substance Abuse and Treatment  
Marriage and Family

## Program Attributes

Taught by human services professionals holding Master of Social Work degrees. Solid course foundation to continue education in social work. Human services-specific scholarships. Internship required, resume builder.

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## Short-term Training Options

Behavioral Health Paraprofessional Diploma  
1 year (3 semesters)

Emphasis: Mental Health or Substance Abuse

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## Scholarships

We award more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. Complete **one application** to be eligible. To apply visit: [www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships](http://www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships).

## Questions?

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