



## **Human Services C.A.**

Curriculum Code: 1201

Effective: Fall 2021 – Summer 2026

### **Description**

This Certificate of Achievement provides the essential values, knowledge, and skills to promote client and community well-being. It is designed as the second certificate in an enhanced career pathway into human services. Standards from the Council for Standards in Human Services Education and the generic competencies and ethical standards from the National Organization for Human Services serve as guidelines for the course work.

### **Additional Information**

Students completing this degree will select a Specialization - Addiction, Aging, or Children and Families. Students may follow other placement options with approval by the Human Services Program Director.

For students interested in addiction, view the [Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals website](#) for current addiction credentialing. Students interested in aging should follow the Human Services Aging Studies course work.

Upon completion of a specialization, any additional specialization courses will not count toward the student's enrollment level for determining financial aid eligibility.

Students must meet the criteria as described in the Human Services Advising Guide for a supervised consecutive two-semester practicum within a community agency for experiential learning. Students are required to meet with the Human Services Program Director prior to or during their first semester to obtain practicum information and application requirements for fall semester. Before practicum placement, a criminal background check is required, and a DHHS Central Registry check is required for placement with children and families or agencies providing services to children and families.

To earn this Certificate of Achievement a 2.5 grade or higher is required in all GERO, HUSE, SOWK courses and Specialization Choices. General education courses require a 2.0 grade or higher. An overall 2.5 GPA or higher is required. Students continuing their education are encouraged to take the required general education courses in their first, second, third and summer semesters to complete the Human Services Associate Degree on time.

### **Contact Information**

Contact the Human Services Program, Health and Human Services Building, Room 108, telephone number 517-483-1410, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building - StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

### Program of Study Required Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
GERO 100	Introduction to Human Aging	4 / 4
HUSE 100	Introduction to Human Services	3 / 3
HUSE 105	Personal Dynamics/Interviewing	4 / 4
HUSE 242	The Family: Addiction/Violence	3 / 3
HUSE 282	Human Services Practicum I	4 / 4
HUSE 284	Human Services Practicum II	4 / 4

### Program of Study Required Courses – *Select one*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ENGL 121	Composition I	4 / 4
ENGL 131	Honors Composition I	4 / 4

### Program of Study Specialization Courses – **Addiction** – *Select HUSE 112, plus HUSE 110 or other 3-4 credit course approved by the Human Services Program Director.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
HUSE 110	Child Abuse and Neglect	3 / 3
HUSE 112	Understanding Substance Abuse	4 / 4

### Program of Study Specialization Courses – **Aging** – *Select SOWK 101, plus three credits from the Gerontology seminars below or other 3-4 credit course approved by the Human Services Program Director.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
GERO 164	Med & Alcohol Use/Older Adults	.5 / 0 *
GERO 169	Legal Rights of Older Adults	.5 / 0 *
GERO 191	Special Topics in Gerontology	.25-4 / 0*
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3 / 3

### Program of Study Specialization Courses – **Children and Families** – *Select HUSE 110, plus SOWK 101 or other 3-4 course approved by the Human Services Program Director.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
HUSE 110	Child Abuse and Neglect	3 / 3
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3 / 3

### Total Credit Hours

32-33 credits / 32-33 billing hours + Flat Fees

\* *GERO seminars are a flat fee and do not have billing hours. Contact the Program Coordinator of the Mental Health and Aging Project at 517-483-1526 or 517-483-1529 for fee information.*

## Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)	Semester II (Spring)
ENGL 121 or 131 GERO 100 HUSE 100 Specialization course(s)	HUSE 105 HUSE 242 Specialization course(s)
Semester III (Fall)	Semester IV (Spring)
HUSE 282	HUSE 284