



Associate Degree in Human Services

Make a meaningful difference in your community.

Everyone deserves dignity, empathy, and support. Now, more than ever, we need knowledgeable, skilled, and culturally competent professionals to make a meaningful difference for individuals, families, and communities. By achieving an associate degree in Human Services, you prepare to become an advocate for empowering communities and influencing broader systematic change.

Make compassion your calling

Human services is not just a career — it's a calling. At Goodwin, our Human Services associate degree program will guide you along your journey as you prepare to enter this ever-important profession. You will develop the tools necessary to help individuals, families, and communities navigate the challenges and barriers present in everyday life. With our comprehensive curriculum, expert faculty, and hands-on internship opportunities, you'll learn to assist people in addressing their social, emotional, and practical needs — helping to strengthen their independence and enhance their quality of life.

Achieve a high-quality education

At Goodwin, we don't only strive to provide our students with an exemplary education. We also believe that learning should be equitable and accessible. When you earn your associate degree in Human Services at Goodwin University, you'll benefit from a curriculum based on national standards for Human Services education. Furthermore, you enjoy the freedom and flexibility of online education — our 15-week Human Services courses allow you to participate in synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities with your peers and professors.

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Curriculum

General education core: 22 credits		
ENG 101	English Composition	3
ENG 1XX	English Elective	3
MATH 135	Viewing Life Mathematically	3
SCI 1XX	Science w/Lab (SCI)	4
PSY 112	Introduction to Psychology	3
PHIL 105	Ethics, Values, and Cultural Competence in Practice	3
	General Education Elective	3
Programmatic general education core requirements: 9 credits		
COM 105	Interpersonal Communications	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY 212	Lifespan Development	3
Major core requirements: 21 credits		
Freshman year		
HSR 101	Introduction to Human Services	3
HSR 105	Community Organization and Advocacy	3
Sophomore year		
HSR 210	Introduction to Research in Human Services	3
HSR 222	Foundations of Helping and Service Delivery	3
HSR 240	Disability, Society, and the Individual	3
HSR 297	Human Services Internship I	3
HSR 298	Human Services Internship II	3
Human Services electives: 9 credits		
DIRECTED	Electives	9

Total credits: 61

Students must complete all associate degree graduation requirements as stated in the catalog. In addition, students must complete all Human Services core courses and PHIL 105 with a minimum grade of "C" in each course and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3.

A career-focused school with real-world learning experiences

Thanks to our numerous connections with human services organizations throughout the state, you'll gain authentic industry experience by completing an on-site internship. For some graduates, these internship opportunities have even led to employment.

A fulfilling professional future

Our comprehensive Human Services associate degree program prepares you for a variety of rewarding career opportunities, including:

- Case manager
- Corrections counselor
- Counselor
- Job coach
- Probation assistant
- Rehabilitation specialist
- Social service specialist
- Youth worker
- And more!

Navigate your success

While working toward your future career, you'll have access to the student-centered resources you deserve, including:

- Academic Advising
- Academic Success Center (ASC)
- Ann B. Clark Co-op
- Career Services
- Counseling and mental health services
- Disability and Access Services
- Financial aid
- Veteran Services
- And more!

Ready to get started?

To apply for admission, complete the [Goodwin University application](#).

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).