

HUMAN SERVICES

(Also see Substance Abuse Counseling and Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice)

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The goal of the Associate in Applied Science degree in Human Services is to train students to work in paraprofessional positions with clients and patients in a variety of human services settings, such as residential and day programs for troubled adolescents; emergency shelters for abused women, adolescents and children; residential homes and schools for developmentally disabled adults and children; and geriatric centers.

The program offers coursework for individuals seeking to enter the field, preparing for a career change, or wishing to upgrade their skills for existing positions. It also provides students with a broad array of general education studies along with specific skills in human services. Completion of the degree is an automatic qualification for a Certificate and for transfer to certain bachelors programs in the human services, where desired. The degree program may also serve the needs of students who eventually wish to pursue graduate study in social work or clinical/counseling psychology.

In addition to the Associate in Applied Science degree in Human Services, Oakton offers a 34-credit-hour Human Services Certificate, and a 13-credit-hour Mental Health and Crisis Response for Public Safety Certificate.