

Social Services

Degree Type

Associate of Science

The Social Services Program has a strong core focusing on key foundational knowledge and skills needed in helping professions. All students study:

- Diverse Populations of Communities
- Child & Human Development and General Psychology
- Systems Theory and Sociology
- Service Coordination
- Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Ethics and Professionalism

Working with an advisor, students select program electives to prepare for entry into a career or for continued study in a specialty area. Program electives may include courses in:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education

Graduates of RVCC's Social Services Program are prepared to work in a variety of settings including, but not limited to, the following: city and state offices, non-profit agencies, community action programs, correctional & transitional facilities, area agencies, behavioral & mental health centers, and schools.

RVCC's Social Services degree prepares students for a variety of entry-level positions such as outreach worker, program manager, residential counselor, and support aide. Other positions, such as social worker, substance abuse counselor, and psychologist or psychiatrist, require an advanced degree.

In addition to the Associate Degree, the College also offers a Certificate in Social Services. This certificate focuses on the major courses required for beginning level positions, as well as providing students with an entry point for continuation in the Associate Degree.

The applicant for the Social Services Program should meet the general requirements for admission to the College. A Criminal Background Check is the responsibility of students and may be required for fieldwork and/or employment. See the full Criminal Background Check Policy in the Admissions section of this catalog. Students are required to have liability insurance during fieldwork. Transportation to fieldwork is the responsibility of the student.

The Social Services certificate may be combined with other programs at the College for a dual degree option.

NOTES

* ENGL 102R, MATH 106R, HSV 125R, HSV 126R, HSV 270R, HSV 271R, and PSYC 210R have co/prerequisites. See course descriptions for requirements.

****If you have transferred in 3-credit classes, you may need to take an additional course in order to satisfy the 60-credit degree minimum. Please consult with your advisor.**

Total Credits

60-61

Course Sequencing

First Year: Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HSV110R	Introduction to Social Services	3
ECE102R	Child Growth and Development	3
PSYC101R	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL102R	College Composition	4
MATH106R	Statistics I	4

First Year: Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HSV125R	Service Coordination	3
HSV126R	Issues in Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities	3
SOSC101R	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC114R	Human Development	3
	Science Elective	3-4

Second Year: Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HSV123R	Supportive Communication Skills	3
	Program Elective	3
	Program Elective	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3-4
	English/Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language/Science/ Mathematics or Social Science Elective	3-4

Second Year: Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HSV270R	Social Services Fieldwork	3
HSV271R	Social Services Seminar	1
PSYC210R	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Program Elective 200-level	3
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