

Social Work and Human Services Paraprofessional Certificate of Achievement

The program provides a comprehensive curriculum for paraprofessionals in social work and human services. It is designed to help California meet the statewide challenges and the rapidly expanding need for health, public, and human service/social worker paraprofessionals. Students' training will allow them to become well-rounded employees who are able to participate as team members in health and human service agencies and social work settings. The program is also designed to align with various transfer programs for students who wish to continue to an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences or the Associate Degrees for Transfer in either Psychology or Sociology.

Career Opportunities: Paraprofessional capacities in social work and human services allow students to pursue entry-level positions in community health organizations, nonprofit social service agencies, or governmental social work departments.

Students are advised to consult with a Berkeley City College Counselor and/or the Social Sciences Department Chair for additional information and to verify requirements.

<i>Required Courses</i>		<i>Units</i>
HLTED 1	Exploring Health Issues	3
HUSV 117	Introduction to Behavioral Health	3
HUSV 118	Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3
Restricted Electives Select 9 units from the following:		
ANTHR 3	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
HUSV 119	Fieldwork: Social Work and Human Services	3
PSYCH 1A	Introduction to General Psychology	3
PSYCH 6	Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 21	Lifespan Human Development	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 2	Social Problems	3
SOC 8	Crime and Deviance	3
SOC 13	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC 18	Sociology of Death and Dying	3
SOCSC 2	Introduction to Diversity Issues	3
	Total Units:	18

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Recommended One-Year Course Sequence Beginning in the Fall Semester

You can use the following pattern to complete a Certificate of Achievement in Social Work and Human Services Paraprofessional. This is only one possible pattern. If you wish to earn a certificate, you must participate in the Student Success Program (Matriculation), which includes assessing academic skills and developing a Student Education Plan (SEP) with a Counselor. This plan will map your sequence of courses to help you complete your degree regardless of the semester you begin classes.

<i>Course</i>		<i>Units</i>
	1st Semester/Fall	
HLTED 1	Exploring Health Issues	3
HUSV 118	Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Total	9
	2nd Semester/Spring	
HUSV 117	Introduction to Behavioral Health	3
HUSV 119	Fieldwork: Social Work and Human Services	3
PSYCH 1A	Introduction to General Psychology	3
	Total	9
	Total Units:	18

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- Demonstrate a fundamental knowledge of the role and scope of entry-level paraprofessional employment in social work and the human services fields.
- Articulate an understanding of the theories and models used to theorize individual and collective behavior as related to social services.
- Evaluate various social work agencies and human services programs.
- Describe the ethical and legal issues confronted by social workers and social service providers.