

HUMAN SERVICES



CAREERS IN THIS FIELD

Behavioral Health Technician • Case Manager

Family Advocate • Family Service Coordinator

Group Home Manager • Intake Specialist

Outreach Worker • Program Aide

Psychiatric Technician • Residential Counselor

Youth Care Worker

A human services degree prepares you to work with people in the areas of mental illness, physical and mental disability, poverty and homelessness, AIDS, child abuse, domestic violence, and others. The program emphasizes the personal attitudes, technical knowledge, and practical skills necessary to obtain entry-level employment in a wide variety of social service settings.

CONCENTRATIONS IN THIS PROGRAM

GENERALIST (AAS or AS)

This concentration prepares you to find employment in a variety of settings, such as community centers, group homes, substance abuse centers, and assisted living facilities.

MENTAL HEALTH (AAS)

With a mental health concentration, you may find jobs in community mental health centers, crisis centers, residential facilities for the developmentally delayed, and services for the mentally ill.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (AAS)

With a concentration in substance abuse, you may find a job in substance abuse centers (residential, detox, hospitals) as counselors or counselors-in-training.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE

Two-year Associate of Applied Science degree programs prepare students for careers, career changes and career advancement. AAS programs may also prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The program content, which is approximately 30 percent general education, provides depth and breadth in conceptual and professional/technical skills. Professional/technical courses equip students with the skills to obtain employment and to advance in the workforce.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE

Two-year Associate of Science programs typically contain 40 percent or more general education, with the balance in technical and profession courses. The coursework provides students with a foundation for transfer to a related baccalaureate program at a four-year institution, and equips students with skills for the job market.

To learn more about employment and salary information for careers in this field, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics website at bls.gov and the official career site of the State of Indiana, indianacareerconnect.com.

