

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SERVICES

Description and Outcomes

The Master of Science in Human Services program is designed for professionals who are committed to improving the quality of life for all people in the growing field of human services in the twenty-first century. The curriculum prepares human services professionals for leadership positions and to become advocates for change. The curriculum focuses on the delivery of services, accessibility, the design, implementation, and evaluation of interventions, as well as the planning, administration, and coordination of programs.

This program adheres to the curriculum standards of the Council of Standards in Human Service Education; however, it is not accredited by this agency.

Refer to the Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams (p. 2) section for important program disclosure information.

Concentrations

You will select one of two concentrations: family and community services or organizational and social services. You will complete both core courses and concentration courses, which will provide a comprehensive education in theory and practice. You will work on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will assist you in meeting your personal and professional goals in the chosen specialization area.

The family and community services concentration addresses the complexities of the roles involved in developing and administering services for children and families. Emphasis on human development, resiliency, family theories, and advocacy will be the foundation of this program.

The organizational and social services concentration is designed to prepare you with the knowledge and skills to work with diverse funding sources, influence policy, supervise staff, and to develop and administer programs and interventions that address the needs within communities.

In any of the concentrations, you may elect to complete an internship, which is an important component to help gain relevant skills and experience in the field. You should consult with your Student Advisor to determine how the internship option fits with your career goals.

Program Length

The Master of Science in Human Services consists of a minimum 45 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a master of science degree.

Program Outcomes

1. Knowledge Base: Examine broad organizational roles and functions, and various methods of advocacy.
2. Historical Impact: Explore the history of the human services profession, and the impact of past and present policies and legislation.
3. Theory: Apply appropriate strategies using a theoretical and philosophical framework built on values of the human services profession.

4. Research: Assess information related to service delivery, including data analysis, and the interpretation and evaluation of findings.
5. Values, Ethical Practices, and Self-Care: Evaluate personal expectations, values, ethics, and self-care strategies as they relate to professional practice.
6. Critical Thinking: Analyze scope of populations served and appropriate methods of service delivery based on individual needs.
7. Application: Apply skills, strategies, and knowledge related to design, implementation, and evaluation of human services programs.

Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the professional competencies associated with your academic program in the graduate School of General Education (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/general-education>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Policy information specific to the Master of Science in Human Services program is noted below.

Admissions Requirements

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements>).

Accelerated Master of Science in Human Services Option

Students enrolled in one of the following programs have the option of completing the accelerated Master of Science in Human Services option while they earn their bachelor's degree:

- Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Corrections
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services
- Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

If you are a graduate of one of the above-listed programs, are granted admission to the Master of Science in Human Services program, and meet the requirements for the accelerated option, you will have the following courses transferred in and will matriculate into a shortened version of the master's degree program:

Code	Title	Credits
HN501	Human Development and Human Behavior in Context	5
HN502	History, Multiculturalism, and Diversity in Human Services	5
HN510	Professional Ethics and Personal Values	5

Progression Requirements

1. The grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade for courses in the Master of Science in Human Services program. If you earn a grade of "F" in a course, you must immediately retake the course. You may only take a course twice and must earn the required grade of "C" or higher. Failure to earn the required grade will result in dismissal from Purdue Global after the second attempt.
2. You may not use transfer credit to replace the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
HN501	Human Development and Human Behavior in Context	5
HN502	History, Multiculturalism, and Diversity in Human Services	5
HN599	Master's Capstone in Human Services	5

You must complete these courses at the University.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

The Master of Science in Human Services program is a member of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE); however, it is not accredited by this agency.

The program is designed to prepare you academically to pursue a variety of careers in the field or in related fields and to pursue advanced education. The coursework in this program fulfills the requirements to sit for the exam to become a Human Services—Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP™). Please note that you must meet post-degree experience requirements in order to earn the HS-BCP credential.

The Center for Credentialing & Education can be contacted at:

3 Terrace Way
Greensboro, NC 27403-3660
Tel: 336.482.2856

Degree Plan

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
HN501	Human Development and Human Behavior in Context	5
HN502	History, Multiculturalism, and Diversity in Human Services	5
HN505	Skills and Practice in Human Services	5
HN510	Professional Ethics and Personal Values	5
HN599	Master's Capstone in Human Services	5
Select one of the following:		5
HN598	Master's Internship in Human Services	
Open Elective		
Total Core Requirements		30
Open Elective Requirements		
Concentration Courses (see below)		15
Total Open Elective Requirements		15
TOTAL CREDITS		45

Concentration Requirements

Concentration courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Family and Community Services

Code	Title	Credits
HN520	Family Resilience Across the Life Span	5
HN521	Developing and Delivering Family Services	5
HN522	Advocacy for Children and Families	5
TOTAL CREDITS		15

Organizational and Social Services

Code	Title	Credits
HN530	Research, Grant Writing, and Funding	5
HN531	Program Development and Administration	5
HN532	Organizational Nonprofit Management	5
TOTAL CREDITS		15