HUMAN SERVICES

A.A.S. Degree

Students in the human services program receive skills-based training within a foundation of theory. After completing foundation courses, students select an area of concentration from the following: addictions counseling, behavioral health, or interdisciplinary concentration. Students learn interviewing and assessment, case management, crisis intervention, group counseling techniques and other specific skills needed within their concentration area.

The program prepares students for entry-level positions in human services agencies. Persons with a strong desire to help others, a sincere respect for humankind and a commitment to their own personal growth may find this field rewarding. They must be emotionally stable, flexible and interested in working with people of diverse social, cultural and economic backgrounds from themselves. Recovery from life traumas and addictions can be a positive attribute if the student has successfully worked through specific issues and is willing to continue personal growth.

Students who complete an addictions concentration are eligible for certification as chemical dependency counselor technicians through the Alaska Commission for Behavioral Health Certification.

Each concentration is available to B.A. degree students as a minor. Option 1: The B.A. degree student must complete the concentration and three HUMS elective credits. Concentrations provide students with the skills needed for employment. See minor requirements. Option 2: Complete HUMS-approved elective credits (18 credits of electives must be approved by the human services program head).

The degree program is delivered through the College of Rural and Community Development.

Minimum Requirements for Human Services A.A.S. Degree: 63 credits

Programs

Degree

- A.A.S., Human Services

Certification

- Alaska Chemical Dependency Counselor