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Degree: A.A. - Human Services
 A.A. - Chemical Dependency Studies
 Certificate: Human Services
 Chemical Dependency Studies

Human Services Degree and Certificate

The program in Human Services centers around the broad array of entry level skills and abilities effectively used in social service delivery systems. Coursework includes the twelve helper core function applications in client screening, intake, assessment, orientation, counseling, consultation, client's rights, confidentiality, crisis intervention, client education, professional ethics, and reports and record keeping.

Requirements for Degree or Certificate 33 Units

HSER 300	Introduction to Human Services	3
HSER 310	Ethical Issues and Client's Rights (3)	3
or GERON 304	Ethical Issues and Client's Rights (3)	
HSER 330	Issues of Diverse Populations (3)	3
or PSYC 365	Issues of Diverse Populations (3)	
HSER 340	Introduction to Chemical Dependency (3)	3
or PSYC 400	Introduction to Chemical Dependency (3)	
HSER 360	Techniques of Interviewing and Counseling	3
HSER 365	Techniques of Group Counseling	3
PSYC 300	General Principles (3)	3
or PSYC 305	Personal Growth and Adjustment (3)	
PSYC 340	Abnormal Behavior	3
SOC 300	Introductory Sociology	3

And a minimum of 6 units from the following: 6¹

HSER 362 Practices in Human Services (3)

¹HSER 362 must be taken twice.

Associate Degree Requirements: The Human Services Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

Chemical Dependency Studies Degree and Certificate

The program in Chemical Dependency Studies centers around the specific skills and abilities necessary to provide comprehensive drug and alcohol counseling. Course work includes the twelve counselor core function applications in addiction screening, intake, assessment, orientation, counseling, crisis intervention, consultation, clients education, client's rights, confidentiality, professional ethics, and reports and record keeping.

Career Opportunities

Upon completion of the program a student possesses the coursework required for initial certification as a California drug and alcohol counselor (CDAC).

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HSER 310	Ethical Issues and Client's Rights (3)	3
or GERON 304	Ethical Issues and Client's Rights (3)	
HSER 330	Issues of Diverse Populations (3)	3
or PSYC 365	Issues of Diverse Populations (3)	
HSER 340	Introduction to Chemical Dependency (3)	3
or PSYC 400	Introduction to Chemical Dependency (3)	
HSER 341	Physiology and Pharmacology: Alcohol & Other Drugs	3

or PSYC 401	Physiology and Pharmacology: Alcohol & Other Drugs	
HSER 342	Alcoholism: Intervention, Treatment & Recovery (3)	3
or PSYC 402	Alcoholism: Intervention, Treatment & Recovery (3)	
HSER 360	Techniques of Interviewing and Counseling	3
HSER 365	Techniques of Group Counseling	3
PSYC 300	General Principles (3)	3
or PSYC 305	Personal Growth and Adjustment (3)	
PSYC 340	Abnormal Behavior	3

And a minimum of 6 units from the following: 6¹

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Associate Degree Requirements: The Chemical Dependency Studies Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

HSER 300 Introduction to Human Services 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a comprehensive overview of the field of Human Services and an introduction to attitudes and methods that enhance communication skills in human relations and enable effective intervention in problem situations. Emphasis is on the roles and skills of associate professionals such as health workers, activity directors with the elderly, and children's welfare assistants, group techniques are emphasized. Required for the Human Services and the Chemical Dependency Studies majors.

HSER 310 Ethical Issues and Client's Rights 3 Units

Same As: GERON 304

Corequisite: HSER 300 or 320

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a comprehensive exploration of the basic ethical issues involving human services delivery. Topics include professional ethics, confidentiality, counselor and clients' rights, and other areas involving ethical controversies. Not open to students who have completed GERON 304.

HSER 320 Introduction to the Principles of Psychiatric Rehabilitation 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the principles and practices of psycho-social rehabilitation (PSR) used for working with individuals who have severe mental illness to live successfully in community-based settings. Emphasis is on the roles and skills of unlicensed mental health workers in hospitals, treatment and social rehabilitation settings.

HSER 330 Issues of Diverse Populations 3 Units

Same As: PSYC 365

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area E1

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a study of the values, problems, issues, concerns and counseling needs of special population groups including the elderly, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, homosexuals, the poor and terminally ill. It also includes the nature and extent of chemical dependency and other addictive behaviors. Not open to students who have completed PSYC 365.

HSER 340 Introduction to Chemical Dependency 3 Units

Same As: PSYC 400

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b); CSU Area E1

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey that examines the physiological effects of chemical dependency on the individual. Included is an analysis of the effects of substance abuse on the family; the sociological, economic conditions contributing to substance abuse; and a description of community efforts at prevention and treatment. Not open to students who have completed PSYC 400.

HSER 341 Physiology and Pharmacology: Alcohol & Other Drugs 3 Units

Same As: PSYC 401

Prerequisite: HSER 340 or PSYC 400 with a grade of "C" or better

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a study of the chemical composition of alcohol and the mechanism of action in the body of alcohol and other psychoactive drugs, including opiates, stimulants, depressants, psychotherapeutics, and psychedelics. Also included are the social and psychological implication of tolerance, habituation, and substance abuse of the user and abuser. Not open to students who have completed PSYC 401.

HSER 342 Alcoholism: Intervention, Treatment & Recovery 3 Units

Same As: PSYC 402

Prerequisite: HSER 341 or PSYC 401 with a grade of "C" or better

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a study of techniques used in the treatment of chemical dependency and an evaluation of intervention, individual and group counseling, detoxification, twelve step program, therapeutic communities, and aftercare programs. Not open to students who have completed PSYC 402.

HSER 360 Techniques of Interviewing and Counseling 3 Units

Prerequisite: HSER 300 and PSYC 300 or 305 with a grade of "C" or better.

Corequisite: HSER 310.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of interview-counseling techniques appropriate for paraprofessionals in mental health, corrections, and substance abuse counseling. The survey includes theories of family co-dependency and techniques for counseling the family and significant others of substance abusers.

HSER 362 Practices in Human Services 3 Units

Corequisite: HSER 310 and HSER 360 or 365

Enrollment Limitation: Completion of the American River College Human Services Agency placement process.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC; 108 hours LAB

This course provides advanced study and supervised field experience in public and/or private agencies providing mental health, corrections, chemical dependency, and child/adolescent treatment services. Students apply concepts, values, and skills acquired in other core courses to the process of helping others. This course may be taken three times for credit/no credit only.

HSER 365 Techniques of Group Counseling 3 Units

Prerequisite: HSER 360 with a grade of a "C" or better.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers the basic assumptions of group counseling, and ethical issues are compared, contrasted and analyzed. Primary emphasis is on the use of facilitating skills and group dynamics.

HSER 494 Topics in Human Services 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through the assessment process.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a concentrated study of current issues in the field of psychosocial rehabilitation. Topics will reflect contemporary issues and problems in the areas of treatment, recovery, advocacy, and future trends. Emphasis will be in the promotion and support of community-based systems of service.