

# HUMAN SERVICES (HSER)

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## **HSER 201 Survey of Human Services 3 Credit Hour(s)**

This course explores the complexities of the Human Services field, such as, the macro-mechanics of the service delivery system, the variety of professionals within the field, and the diversified population groups receiving specialized services. It provides the student with a historical perspective and it explores the societal values that served as a catalyst for the implementation of the policies that influence the delivery of human services.

**Offered:** Resident and Online

## **HSER 270 Ethics in Professional Helping 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** ENGL 102 and (SOWK 101 or PSYC 101)

Ethics in Professional Helping is the study of values and principles of ethical decision making. Topics in the course are ethical dilemmas, critical thinking, professional code of ethics, and common morality. Each topic is evaluated through a biblical worldview.

**Note:** This course is an equivalent to SOWK 270.

**Offered:** Online

## **HSER 301 Administration & Case Management 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Prerequisite:** HSER 201 and (RSCH 201 or Inquiry Research with a score of 80 or Research with a score of 80 or Research (prior to 2017-2018) with a score of 80)

The purpose of this course is to prepare students for work in human services. The focus is practical in what to expect in the work setting in terms of managing both specific population groups as well as the various entities providing services. Students will examine the dynamics of clients, agency, and the self as the representative and provider of services. The course will help students understand the complex religious, moral, economic, and political aspects of human services practice when interacting with a variety of people. The student will be exposed to a broad range of ideas about the philosophies and practices of the various agencies and will be challenged to identify their own beliefs about the role of helping others in a professional context.

**Offered:** Resident

## **HSER 315 Human Services Policy and Ethics 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 101 and PSYC 210 and SOWK 101 and (SOCI 200 or SOCI 201)

The course provides an overview of the professional realities and ethical issues surrounding human services practices and procedures. It focuses on the dialectical relationship of social welfare and public policy as well as the benefits and dangers related to professional interventions in society through the lens of a Christian biblical ethos. It pays special attention to individual and public social work, municipal and federal government interaction, historical precedent and development of general work policies, youth and elderly programs, philanthropic community work, and related behavioral science professional contributions. Additionally, it provides insight on common philosophical, theological, and cultural presuppositions in the formation and application of various ethical theories and moral practices in social work

**Offered:** Resident

## **HSER 415 Case Management Practice in Human Services 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** (SOWK 101 or PSYC 101 or SOCI 200) and ENGL 102 and HSER 201 and (HSER 270 or SOWK 270)

The purpose of this course is to prepare students for work in human services serving a variety of population groups. The focus is on developing practical skills, communication and intervention techniques, training students in the case management process from intake and assessment to referrals and termination. Students will examine the dynamics of clients, agency, and the self as the representative and provider of services. The course will help students understand the complex aspects of human services practice when interacting with diverse clients. The student will be challenged to identify their own beliefs about the role of helping others in a professional context, to develop an approach that reflects ethical standards of the profession and an integration with biblical thought.

**Offered:** Online

## **HSER 499 Internship 1-9 Credit Hour(s)**

**Prerequisite:** HSER 201 and HSER 270 and HSER 415

During this internship experience, students will participate in activities at a social service organization under the supervision of an experienced human services worker. Students will learn to employ the theories and skills foundational to direct service, will apply ethical standards for human service workers, analyze the needs of diverse clients, and evaluate concepts within the field as they relate to biblical thought. Students will process this experience through case studies and discussion and will secure feedback from peers and instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:** Registration Restrictions: Senior Status; Human Service Major, 2.0+ overall GPA, HSER 201, HSER 270, HSER 415, suitable internship site, completed internship application approved by department. All applicants must apply and receive approval during the semester prior to starting the internship.

**Offered:** Resident and Online