

VOICES THAT EMPOWER

Associate in Science Degree in Social and Human Services

Empowering through: Psychology, Social Work, and Counseling

Florida SouthWestern State College's Associate in Science Degree in Social and Human Services will prepare you for a career in the social and human services field, which could include working for many of the nonprofit agencies that serve others in our community.

You will have the opportunity to be placed in a supervised residency that will allow you to use your acquired learning in a real-world experience. Many of our graduates are offered employment upon completing their internship.

The AS degree in Social and Human Services will prepare you to enter the workforce in an entry-level human services position. Many students use this opportunity to gain field experience while continuing their education toward their desired field. Clinical social workers and mental health counselors are required to earn a master's degree, complete a required number of hours of field experience, and pass a national exam before becoming licensed.

As a Social and Human Services Professional, You Will:

- Work under the supervision of **counselors, social workers, psychologists**, and other human services professionals
- Be knowledgeable about social service practices and principles
- Be familiar with the process and techniques to interview clients in order to evaluate and serve their needs
- Understand and facilitate screening and assessments to determine client eligibility for specific programs
- Understand and set up program-specific programs
- Build and maintain effective working relationships with clients and others
- Understand and set up program-specific treatment goals



*The median annual wage for Social and Human Services professionals was up to **\$61,330** in 2024**

**United States Bureau of Labor Statistics*



All of the classes are offered online. Some courses are offered face-to-face or via Zoom meetings. You can acquire specific knowledge and skills in any of these specialized fields.

College Credit Certification (CCC) in Addiction Services, Human Services Generalist, Community Health Worker, and Youth Development Services are also available.

Addiction Services

- Gain knowledge and understanding of addictions and the challenges that addiction creates for individuals and families.
- Understand the human services delivery system and human services occupations.
- Understand the importance of legal, ethical, and professional responsibilities.
- Apply case management skills in real-life situations.
- Demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the biological aspects of addiction.

Registered Behavior Technician

- This is a paraprofessional certification in behavior analysis.
- RBTs assist in delivering behavior-analytic services and practice under direct and close supervision.
- For full requirements, visit www.bacb.com/rbt/.

Community Health Worker

- Assess the needs of clients and programs.
- Develop interventions that promote optimal functioning, growth, and goal attainment.
- Evaluate and make necessary adjustments as appropriate.
- Educate client/families and establish support system.

Human Services Generalist

- Understand the importance of legal, ethical, and professional responsibilities.
- Understand the risk factors that lead to human services intervention.
- Examine the theories utilized in human services.
- Display an understanding of treatment knowledge.

Youth Development Services

- Display an understanding of a youth development approach in community-based, residential, group home, and other youth worker environments and youth programs.
- Examine the theories, principles, and stages of typical human growth and development and the challenges of each stage.
- Demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of family dynamics.
- Understand how current social issues influence children/youth.

