



# Human Services, General Certificate

This program prepares students for employment as para-professionals with agencies such as youth group homes, youth and family services agencies, schools, probation, welfare, and mental health departments.

**Total Units:** 28.5-32

## First Year

### Semester 1

**9 Units**

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>HSER 300</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introduction to Human Services	3	Eligible for ENGWR 300	F(O), S(O), Su(O)
<b>HSER 302</b> Introduction to Psychology of Human Relations	3		F, S
<b>PSYC 300</b> <sup>Z</sup> General Principles	3	Advisory: ENGRD 310, ENGRD 312, ENGWR 300, or equivalent	F, S, Su

<sup>Z</sup> At least one section of this course is offered with free textbooks and is labeled as zero textbook costs (ZTC). If it is a GE area class or elective, there may be several ZTC offerings to fulfill the GE requirement. Use the Free Textbook filter to find these courses. Learn more on the [ZTC page of the college website](#).

### Semester 2

**6 Units**

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>SOC 300</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introductory Sociology <b>or</b>	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)
<b>SOC 321</b> <sup>Z</sup> Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States <b>or</b>	3		F, S, Su
<b>PSYC 320</b> <sup>Z</sup> Social Psychology	3		F, S
<b>SOC 300</b> <sup>1</sup> <sup>Z</sup> Introductory Sociology <b>or</b>	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)
<b>SOC 321</b> <sup>1</sup> <sup>Z</sup> Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States <b>or</b>	3		F, S, Su
<b>PSYC 320</b> <sup>1</sup> <sup>Z</sup> Social Psychology	3		F, S

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## Career

### Options/Outlook:

Social and Human

Service Assistants assist in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services. May assist social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or dependent care. **Career opportunities require more than an associate degree.**

### A sample of reported job titles:

Advocate, Caseworker, Community Coordinator, Family Support Worker, Home-based Assistant, Human Services Program Specialist, Mental Health Technician, Outreach Specialist, Social Services Assistant, Social Work Associate

### Projected job openings in California (2020-2028):

7,260

### Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

14% growth

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<sup>1</sup> Select a course not taken in Semester 1.

## Year 2

### Semester 3

3 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>HSER 350</b> <sup>Z</sup> Employment Skills in Human Services	3	Advisory: HSER 300 & 302	F

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### Semester 4

10.5-14 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>HSER 360</b> <sup>Z</sup> Techniques of Interviewing and Counseling	3	HSER 300 & 302; Advisory: HSER 350, HSER 300 & concurrent enrollment in HSER 362	S
<b>HSER 362</b> <sup>1</sup> <sup>Z</sup> Practices in Human Services	3	Co-req: HSER 360 & 498	S
<b>HSER 364</b> <sup>Z</sup> Techniques of Group Counseling	4	HSER 350 & 360	S
<b>HSER 498</b> <sup>Z</sup> Work Experience in Human Services	0.5-4		F(O,P), S(O), Su(O)

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^You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a "C" or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

\*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

<sup>1</sup> Orientation is required prior to enrollment for this course, please contact the Human Services Department, Assistant Professor B. Jones-Thomas by email @ [B-Jones@crc.losrios.edu](mailto:B-Jones@crc.losrios.edu) or call (916 691-7587) for information about orientation days/times.

## Median Salary in California (2021):

\$46,370/yr

### Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/21-1093.00>

### Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

## About this program map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course

availability or financial aid applicability.

## Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

