



Social Work and Human Services Certificate

This certificate is designed for persons seeking careers as youth group home workers, family welfare and health agency workers, county or state eligibility workers, and other para-professional positions. Graduates will have a broad range of human services skills, including group counseling, client interviewing, communication, problem-solving, and employment.

Total Units: 28.5-32

First Year

Semester 1

9 Units

| COURSE | UNITS | PRE-REQS^ | SEMESTERS OFFERED* |
|---|-------|-----------|--------------------|
| SWHS 300 Introduction to Social Work & Human Services | 3 | | F, S, Su |
| SWHS 350 Ethical Issues in Social Work/Human Services | 3 | | F, S |
| PSYC C1000 General Principles | 3 | | F, S, Su |

Semester 2

9 Units

| COURSE | UNITS | PRE-REQS^ | SEMESTERS OFFERED* |
|---|-------|----------------|--------------------|
| SWHS 302 Introduction to Psychology of Human Relations | 3 | | F, S, Su |
| SWHS 360 Techniques for Interviewing and Case Management Services | 3 | SWHS 300 & 350 | S |
| SOC 300 Introductory Sociology or | 3 | | F(O), S(O), Su(O) |
| SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States or | 3 | | F, S, Su |
| PSYC 320 Social Psychology | 3 | | F, S |

Year 2

Semester 3

7 Units

| COURSE | UNITS | PRE-REQS^ | SEMESTERS OFFERED* |
|--|-------|-----------|--------------------|
| SWHS 364 Advanced Techniques for Working with Groups | 4 | SWHS 360 | F |

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:

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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):

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|--|-------|-----------|--------------------|
| SOC 300 ¹ Introductory Sociology or | 3 | | |
| SOC 321 ¹ Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States or | 3 | | |
| PSYC 320 ¹ Social Psychology | 3 | | |

¹ Select a course not taken in Semester 2.

Semester 4

3.5-7 Units

| COURSE | UNITS | PRE-REQS^ | SEMESTERS OFFERED* |
|---|-------|---|--------------------|
| SWHS 367 Advanced Practices in Human Services | 3 | SWHS 360; Co-req SWHS 498; Advisory: SWHS 364 | S |
| SWHS 498 ¹ Work Experience in Human Services | 0.5-4 | SWHS 360: Co-req: SWHS 376 | S |

^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

¹ 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 or call (916 691-7587) for information about orientation days/times.

14% growth

Median Salary in California (2021):

Workers on average earn \$48,190.

10% of workers earn \$35,690 or less.

10% of workers earn \$73,690 or more.

Workers on average earn \$41,410.

10% of workers earn \$30,720 or less.

10% of workers earn \$61,820 or more.

Source:

[Bureau of Labor Statistics 2023 wage data](#)

Transfer notes:

Social Work Human Services is a Program and students need to review program requirements prior to enrolling in classes. 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.

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