

First Year

Semester 1

9 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
SWHS 300 Introduction to Social Work & Human Services	3		F, S
SWHS 302 Introduction to Psychology of Human Relations	3		F, S
SWHS 350 Ethical Issues in Social Work/Human Services	3		F

Semester 2

9 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
PSYC 368 Cross Cultural Psychology	3		F, S
PSYC C1000 General Principles	3		F, S
SWHS Elective (see list below)¹	3		F, S

¹ SWHS Elective List:

- ADMJ 300 Introduction to Administration of Justice (3)
- ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ECE 312 Child Development (3)
- ECE 314 The Child, the Family and the Community (3)
- ENGWR 302 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3)
- HIST 331 Women in American History (3)
- PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics (3)
- PSYC 312 Biological Psychology (4)
- PSYC 320 Social Psychology (3)
- PSYC 340 Abnormal Behavior (3)
- PSYC 356 Human Sexuality (3)
- PSYC 370 Human Development: A Life Span (3)

Notes:

Please note that SWHS 350 is only scheduled in the Fall term.

Program Description: The Human Services Paraprofessional Certificate prepares students for employment in entry-level paraprofessional positions in human services settings. Coursework focuses on skill development around core competencies for basic practice, including: interpersonal communication, case notes/writing/documentation, and ethical & professional behavior. This program is aligned with coursework for the Human Services Specialist Certificate and SWHS General AA degree, allowing students to continue forward in their career and educational pathways, if desired.

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.

SJS 300 Introduction to Social Justice Studies (3)

SOC 300 Introductory Sociology (3)

SOC 301 Social Problems (3)

SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States (3)

SOC 341 Sex and Gender in the U.S. (3)

SOC 379 Making Social Change (3)

SWHS 340 Introduction to Chemical Dependency (3)

SWHS 360 Techniques of Interviewing and Counseling (3)

SWHS 365 Techniques of Group Counseling (3)

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