



**HUMAN SERVICES PARAPROFESSIONAL: ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

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**The Human Services Paraprofessional Associate of Science degree**

**provides students with an understanding of the knowledge and skills related to Social Work, Counseling and related occupations, and helps prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges or universities to continue their education toward an advanced degree and potential licensure in Social Work or related fields.**



Social Workers are counselors, educators and advocates, and work with children, adults and elders in social and welfare institutions by addressing poverty, abuse, and drug and alcohol dependence issues. In a broad sense, the Social Worker’s role is to engage the individual, community and society to address issues of social injustice.

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) projects that approximately 1100 jobs will become available for Social and Human Service Assistants in our region between 2006-2016. The EDD projects a 17.2% growth in employment for the North Coast Region during this time, with 80 jobs becoming available as a result of 50 new positions and 30 replacements. In Sonoma County the projection is a 16.1% increase in jobs, with 90 openings (50 new and 40 replacements). Napa County is expecting a 50% increase in jobs, with 40 positions (30 new and 10 replacements) and the East Bay Region is expected to grow by 20.1%, with 890 vacancies (590 new and 300 replacements) .

The BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook concludes the job outlook section for Social and Human Service Assistants by stating that “qualified applicants should have little difficulty finding employment”.

According to Mendocino College’s survey of local employers, hourly wages range from \$10.00 to \$32.00, with a mean hourly pay of \$14.83 and a median pay of \$14.00.

The pay for Social Workers is considerably higher, as can be expected. The hourly mean hourly pay state-wide is \$24.70. Regionally the median hourly pay ranges from \$18.77 (North Coast Region) to \$26.09 (East Bay Area).

Students completing the Associate Degree may be hired as Social Worker Assistants, Residential Counselors, Case Managers, or in similar paraprofessional human services positions. Students completing baccalaureate degrees can find employment in more advanced Social Work, Counseling or related occupations, and those completing graduate degrees will be qualified to pursue licensure as a Clinical Social Worker or Marriage and Family Therapist.

## Mendocino College HUS-P AS Degree Program

### Goals

Mendocino College's Human Services Paraprofessional Associate of Science (HUS-AS) Degree will provide students the education necessary to work as paraprofessionals in a variety of human service settings. By completing carefully selected general education courses, students will be able transfer those units to 4-year colleges in order to continue their education toward an advanced degree and potential licensure in Social Work, Counseling or related fields.

### Objectives

1. Graduates will have the opportunity to complete appropriate lower-division general education courses that will transfer to four-year college or university degree programs in Social Work, Counseling or related majors.
2. Students will have a basic understanding of the history and role of Social Work and related occupations in their communities and society at large.
3. Students will understand the importance of ethical behavior, and of technical and cultural competence in the delivery of services in Social Work and related fields.
4. Students will demonstrate a basic understanding of the characteristics and key concepts related to Social Work and related occupations.
5. Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic duties and responsibilities performed by Social Workers and related professionals.
6. Human Services Paraprofessional Associate of Science Degree instructors, staff, and other key college personnel will maintain a regular, constructive and collegial dialogue with partnering human service agencies in order to optimize student educational experiences

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### Financial Aid is available!

Many students are eligible for financial aid that will cover the cost of tuition, books, supplies, etc. Even transportation and childcare costs could be covered! If you think you make too much money to qualify for financial aid, you should still look into the possibilities that exist for waivers, grants and loans.

For more information about financial aid at Mendocino College, go to the [Financial Aid website](#) or contact our Financial Aid Office at 707-468-3110 or [financialaid@mendocino.edu](mailto:financialaid@mendocino.edu). Financial Aid is located in MacMillan Hall, Room 1130

You can receive funding to complete a BA in Social Work through the California Social Work Education Center's Title IV-E program! Find out more at <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/>

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Mendocino College HUS-P AS Degree Program

Course Requirements

Required Core Major Courses	Units	Comments	4-year University Transfer Requirements				
			HSU*	CSUS*	CSUC*	SFSU*	UCB*
<b>HUS 101: Introduction to the Helping Professions</b>	3	OR HUS 170	HUS 170	HUS 170			
<b>HUS 152: Basic Skills for Human Service Workers</b>	3						
<b>HUS 154: Fundamentals of Interviewing and Counseling</b>	3						
<b>HUS 156: Case Management and Documentation</b>	3						
<b>HUS 103: Field Placement and Practicum Seminar</b>	1.5	OR AOD 164	X				
<b>HUS 197b: Human Services Paraprofessional Practicum</b>	2	OR AOD 197a					
<b>SOC 200: Introduction to Sociology</b>	3		X	X	X	X	X
<b>PSY 205: Introduction to Psychology</b>	3		X	X	X	X	X
Total:	<b>21.5</b>						
<b>Students who intend to transfer to a CSU will need to complete an additional 35 units of graduation requirements. Recommended courses are:</b>							
Area A1: SPE 200: Intro to Public Speaking	3						
Area A2: ENG 200: Reading and Composition	3						
Area A3: ENG 205: Critical Thinking	3						
Area B1: no recommendation	3						
Area B2: BIO 202: Human Biology	3			X	X	X	
Area B3: BIO 201: Concepts of Biology Lab	1						
Area B4: MTH 220: Statistics	4		X	X	X		X
Area C1: CDV 125 or ART 206 or MUS 208 or THE 206 or THE 210	3						
Area C2: HST 202 AND HST 203	6		X	X			
Area D: SPE 211: Intercultural Communication or ECO 200: Macro Economics	3				ECO 200	ECO 200	ECO 200
Additional graduation requirement: POL 200	3		X				X
Elective Courses	3.5						
Total additional units to transfer:	<b>38.5</b>						
<b>TOTAL UNITS FOR HUS-P DEGREE</b>	<b>60</b>						
Other lower division courses required by transfer institutions							
NAS 104 or 105			X				
SWRK 170: Social Welfare Institutions					X		
SWRK 200: Multicultural Awareness					X		

\*Legend: HSU-Humboldt State; CSUS-Sacramento State; CSUC-Chico State; UCSF-UC San Francisco; UCB-UC Berkely

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### Core Major Courses Sequence

Semester	Courses/Units			Major units	GE Units
Fall, Year 1	HUS 101: Intro to Helping Prof (3)*	HUS 152: Basic Skills for HUS Workers (3)	HUS 156: Case Mgmt and Documentation (3)	9	5
Spring, Year 1	HUS 154: Interviewing & Counseling (3)	SOC 200: Intro to Sociology (3)	PSY 205: Intro to Psychology (3)	9	5
Fall, Year 2	HUS 103: Field Placement and Practicum Seminar (1.5)**	HUS 197b: HUS-P Practicum (2)†		3.5	13.5
Spring, Year 2					15
<b>Total Units</b>				<b>21.5</b>	<b>38.5</b>

\*or HUS 170: Intro to Social Work or AOD 151: AODS Overview

\*\* or AOD 164: Field Placement and Practicum Seminar

† or AOD 197a: AODS Practicum

### HUS Paraprofessional Core Major Course Descriptions

- [HUS 101: Introduction to the Helping Professions](#)
- [HUS 170: Introduction to Social Work](#)
- [HUS 152: Basic Skills for Human Services Workers](#)
- [HUS 154: Fundamentals of Interviewing and Counseling](#)
- [HUS 156: Case Management and Documentation](#)
- [HUS 103: Field Placement and Practicum Seminar](#)
- [HUS 197b: HUS-P Practicum](#)
- [SOC 200: Introduction to Sociology](#)
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