

# Degree Description

## B.A. in Human Services



### Overview

**Program Focus:** prepares professionals who work to support the well-being of individuals, groups, and communities, and who plan to work towards social change and social justice throughout their careers.

**Possible Careers:** case manager, advocate, grant writer, youth worker, family support specialist, volunteer coordinator, human resource specialist, fundraiser, trainer, paraeducator, advocacy specialist for people dealing with child abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, or other social issues

**Program Brag:** The program uses a cohort model to provide students with an opportunity to build a deep understanding of the human services profession in a dynamic and collaborative learning environment. The program also incorporates several quarters of field study, including internship that integrates knowledge and skills with professional practice.

**Applications accepted:** Priority deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall admission

**Faculty:** Our highly trained faculty includes:

Anne Blanchard, Ph.D., Senior Instructor

Professional and Scholarly Interests: Critical theory, literacy education, amelioration of structural inequities, promoting compassion in educational and social discourse, and social justice.

Judy Deiro, Ph.D., Senior Instructor

Professional and Scholarly Interests: Developing healthy teacher-student connections; building resilience in young people; addiction studies with emphasis on prevention of high risk behavior; counseling.

Morgan Livingston, M.A., Senior Instructor

Professional and Scholarly Interests: Politics, oppression, classism, social change, and justice.

Adjunct faculty who are experts in their areas of specialization

**Teaching/ Class Format:** Most courses are taught face-to-face with some having a hybrid component. Some electives are taught online.

**Options:** Full-time only, 3 classes a week with each class 4 hours long. Program is completed in 2 years.

### Program

**Length:** 76 Credits organized into 10-week quarters (required courses)

\*need 90 credits total, which can include electives from WWU or prior institutions

**Courses:**

**Core Sequence**

HSP 301 Human Services Professionals and Personal Systems (4 credits)

HSP 303 Human Services Professionals and Interpersonal Systems (4 credits)

HSP 305 Human Services Professionals and Small Group Systems (4 credits)

HSP 402 Human Services Professionals and Organizational Systems (4 credits)

HSP 404 Human Services Professionals and Community Systems (4 credits)

HSP 406 Human Services Professionals and Global Systems (4 credits)

**Capstone Portfolio**

HSP 304 Portfolio Learning in Human Services (1 credit)

HSP 495 Capstone Portfolio (4 credits)

**Field Studies**

HSP 340 Practicum and Seminar I (4 credits)

HSP 341 Practicum and Seminar II (4 credits)

HSP 440 Internship and Seminar (4 credits) – need to take at least 8 credits of HSP 440

**Other Required Courses**

HSP 302 Introduction to Human Services (3 credits)

HSP 315 Human Development and Human Services (4 credits)

HSP 325 Interviewing for Human Services (4 credits)

HSP 345 Case Management and Interventions (4 credits)

HSP 385 Applied Research Methods (4 credits)

HSP 435 Human Services and Management (4 credits)

HSP 455 Diversity and Social Justice Dynamics (4 credits)

HSP 485 Program Planning and Evaluation (4 credits)

**Selected Electives**

HSP 371 Issues and Concepts in Human Services Systems (4 credits)

HSP 410 Mental Health: Individuals and Systems (4 credits)

HSP 430 Readings and Projects in Human Services (1-4 credits)

HSP 443 Disability: Individuals and Systems (4 credits)

HSP 450 Survey of Addictions (4 credits)

HSP 484 Program Funding and Grant Writing (4 credits)

**COST**

Per credit: \$186 up to 10 credits, \$1860 for 10-18 credits

Estimated books per quarter: \$200-\$300

Any Additional Fees: \$4/course fee

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