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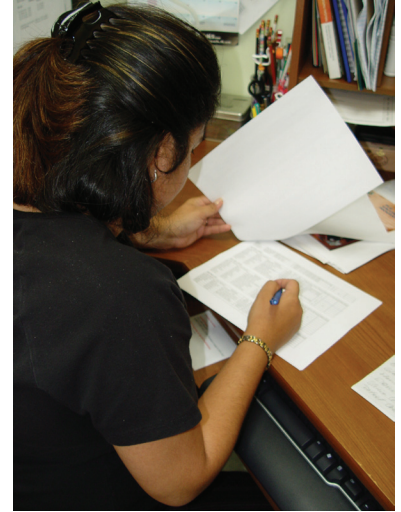
Social Services

What preparation will this program give me?

The Community Social Services program prepares students for employment in entry-level professional positions in the social services, as well as some of the other human services, and for transfer to four-year institutions. There are two majors in this program: Community Social Services and Substance Abuse.

The Human Services program serves those seeking a career in Human Services, those already employed in the field, and those seeking career advancement. The program teaches students about services to populations in need of specific interventions. The historical, legal, and ethical issues of human services are covered, as well as characteristics of conditions that affect infants, children, adults and elders and the agencies and institutions that provide services to these groups. The program covers current practices in the human services field and trains students in a wide range of competencies including an introduction to counseling/intervention skills, case management, and how to serve a culturally-diverse client population.

The Social Service Paraprofessional program trains students for jobs in social work and social services. For those who like to help others and work with people, this growing field may be a good match.



What kind of job will I be qualified for when I finish?

Community Social Services: This program prepares students for employment in entry-level professional positions in the social services. In particular, the program focuses on preparation for individuals wishing to serve in agencies assisting those affected by substance abuse.

Human Services: This program prepares students to serve as entry-level assistants in agencies that provide social services, such as welfare, child protective services, probation, elder care institutions etc.

Social Service Paraprofessional: The program prepares students for jobs such as Adult and Aging Caseworker, Adult Protective Services Worker, Benefits Worker, Child Protective Services Worker, Child Welfare Worker, Eligibility Technician, Employment Counselor, Family Services Support Worker, Human Services Worker, Medical Benefits Worker, Welfare Eligibility Worker, or Welfare Services Aide.

What classes will I take?

Required Courses:

Community Social Services

	Units
COSER 9 Self-development for human services workers	3
COSER 10 Community resources and Social Policy	3
COSER 16A Communication: Theory and Practice	2-3
COSER 16B Communication: Families in Crisis	3
COSER 20 Group Dynamics: Working with Small Groups	2-3
COSER 40A Community Social Services Field Experience	3
COSER 40B Community Social Services Field Experience	3

Total Required Units

19-21

“Berkeley City College helped me in many ways. I studied social services because I want to help people. Right now, I am getting grants and funding for the American Bosnian Center, my own nonprofit agency which I started in my house. It will help refugees and immigrants from Eastern Europe get settled in this country.”

— Ramiz “Rocky” Sejdiya, Social Services Paraprofessional Program Graduate and Transfer Student

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What classes will I take?

Required Courses: (cont.)

Substance abuse

COSER 21	Psychology/ Pharmacology of Drugs	3-4
COSER 40A	Community Social Services Field Experience	3
COSER 41	Substance Abuse and the Law	3
COSER 42	Counseling Skills and Substance Abuse	3
COSER 16B	Communication: Families in Crisis	3
COSER 20	Group Dynamics: Working with Small Groups	2-3
COSER 24	Human Development	3
COSER 40B	Community Social Services Field Experience	3
COSER 9	Self-development for Human Services Workers	2
COSER 10	Community Resources and Social Policy	3
COSER 16A	Communication: Theory and Practice	2-3
COSER 40C	Community Social Services Field Experience	3
COSER 22	Social Psychology of Drug Abuse	3
ENGL 1A	Composition and Reading	4 OR
ENGL 201A	Preparation for Composition and Reading	3
HLTED 1	Exploring Health Issues	3

Total Required Units 42-46

Human Services

		Units
HUSV 50	Introduction to Human Services	3
HUSV 51	Introduction to Counseling Skills	3
HUSV 52	Introduction to Case Management	3
HUSV 53	Diversity in Human Services	3
HUSV 58	Seminar in Human Services	3
HUSV 59	Occupational Work Experience in Human Services	1-4

Total Required Units 14-17

Social Services Paraprofessional

		Units
BUS 201	Business Communication	3 OR
ENGL 201B	Preparation for Composition and Reading	4
HUSV 101	Case Management in Human Services	2
HUSV 108	Helping Skills for HS Paraprofessionals	2
HUSV 109	Diverse Populations in Human Services	2
HUSV 110	Social Service Specializations I	3
HUSV 111	Social Service Specializations II	3
HUSV 112	Seminar in Field Experience I	2
HUSV 113	Seminar in Field Experience II	2
SOCSC 101	Introduction to Social Services	3

Total Required Units 22-23

What degree will I receive and how many course credits will I need?

Community Services: Both majors (the 19 unit Community Social Services and the 42-46 unit Substance Abuse) are offered for the Associate degree and the Certificate of Completion. To qualify for the AA degree in either major, students must satisfactorily complete the Major course requirements and the General Education requirements. A certificate will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements.

Human Services: A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to students who satisfactorily complete the 14-17 units of required coursework.

Social Services Paraprofessional: A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the 22-23 required units. An Associate in Arts degree will be awarded upon the satisfactory completion of the required units and general education units.

Where do I get more information?

Contact the Merritt College Community Services program at (510) 436-2498.

Contact the Merritt College Human Services program at (510) 436-2516.

Contact the Berkeley City College Social Services Paraprofessional program at (510) 981-2872.

