

Human Services

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- Human Services/Public Health (HMS/MPH) Joint Degree
- Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Concentration
- Child and Family Studies Concentration
- Gerontology Concentration
- Nursing Home Administration Concentration
- Social Services Administration Concentration
- Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Graduate Certificate in Gerontology
- Graduate Certificate in Human Services Fundraising
- Graduate Certificate in Nursing Home Administration

The Master's Degree

The Master of Human Services provides five concentration options for study:

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Accreditation

The Human Services Alcohol and Substance Abuse concentration is accredited by the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association (IAODAPCA).

Advising

The Human Services faculty has a professional and ethical obligation to conduct continual assessment with students so they are aware of limitations that may impede their future success. Moreover, the faculty has an obligation not to admit or to remove from candidacy any student who does not meet these requirements.

Grading Policy

Graduate students must earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in each course (grades of B- or lower will not be accepted). Students also should refer to the campus policy on Grades Acceptable Toward Master's Degrees section of this catalog.

Internship

The three-credit hour internship is designed to provide an opportunity for students to integrate knowledge and skills gained in courses into direct practice. The internship consists of intensive work experiences with supervision (100 work hours for each academic hour) in a human services environment (500 hours are required for students in the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Concentration).

Students with three years of supervised full-time experience in their designated human services field may, with approval of their academic advisor, submit a Student Petition to substitute four hours of regular course work for the internship.

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes are important components for all academic programs at the University of Illinois Springfield and are required by the Higher Learning Commission. Questions related to the learning outcomes for this program should be addressed to the applicable department/school.

Requirements

Core Requirements

HMS 501	Critical Perspectives in Human Services	3
HMS 511	Social Policy and Human Services	3
HMS 514	Staff Development and Supervision	3
HMS 516	Ethics and Professional Development	3
HMS 550	Internship	3
HMS 585	HMS Capstone	3

Total Hours		18
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¹ Offered online each fall and spring semester.

Master's Closure

Students who take HMS 585 and do not pass must register for HMS 586 (zero credit hours, one billable hour) each subsequent fall and spring until the closure is complete. To receive credit, students must present their Capstone project to a faculty committee, and obtain formal committee approval.

HMS 580 is available with permission from the HMS department for those students who enrolled in the graduate degree program during the time when the project/thesis were the closure options.

Graduate Certificates

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Online

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