Human Services Leadership
Collaborative Degree Program

Complete your associate's and bachelor's degrees right in your local community through the Human Services Leadership Collaborative degree program offered by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and participating UW Colleges.

A bachelor's degree in Human Services Leadership is a great fit for those who desire to lead and empower individuals, families and communities to successfully manage and resolve developmental, personal, social and environmental issues.

Ideal for both traditional and returning adult students, the program allows you to remain close to home or your workplace while taking courses for a regionally in-demand degree.

- General education courses completed at a participating UW-College, with credits transferring to UW Oshkosh
- Courses held regionally or via distance learning; no need to travel all the way to UW Oshkosh
- Small class sizes and cohorts that allow you to get to know instructors and fellow students well
- Field placements with local human services agencies for hands-on learning and mentoring in your community
- Dedicated, experienced faculty with diverse education and real-world experiences
- Access to the UW Oshkosh library, technology resources and academic support systems
- Financial aid available for qualifying students through consortium agreements with collaborating institutions

About the Human Services Leadership Collaborative Degree Program

UW-Colleges are an integral partner in the collaborative degree program, providing pre-advising to potential HSLC students and hosting courses regionally. The academic excellence and educational preparation offered through the Colleges lay the foundation for successful HSLC students. The UW-Extension provides technical assistance in instructional design and vital technological connections for the program's distance education delivery.

Accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education, the UW Oshkosh Human Services Leadership courses emphasize a broad-based awareness of social welfare, interpersonal and advocacy skills development, non-profit leadership and administration, strategic planning, program development and implementation.

In the program students gain an extensive understanding of the internal and external forces affecting individuals, acquire strong listening and problem solving skills and learn to empower others through teaching, counseling and supportive, preventive and therapeutic methods. Through hands-on field placements with local community agencies, students also gain the knowledge and skills needed to meet challenges they will encounter in human services leadership careers .

Learn more

Students enrolled at UW-Colleges should contact their student advising center for more information.
General inquiries may be directed to the UW Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services at (920) 424-0115.

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Lead, Serve, Empower

A strong desire to help others, the ability to demonstrate patience, understanding and caring in dealings with them are important characteristics to have for human services work. In addition, effective interpersonal communication skills, a strong sense of responsibility and the ability to manage time effectively are important traits to have.

Human Services professionals serve diverse populations of clients, including:

- Children and families
- The elderly
- The homeless
- Immigrants
- People with addictions
- People with criminal records
- People with disabilities
- The mentally ill
- The economically challenged
- Veterans
- People with health issues

Wide ranges of professionally challenging roles are open to Human Services Leadership graduates, such as:

- Case management
- Program administration
- Agency management
- Grant writing
- Development/fundraising
- Strategic planning
- Human resource modeling
- Counseling

Career Prospects

As the need for social intervention programs continues to increase, so does the need for trained professionals dedicated to helping individuals and communities navigate through a wide spectrum of life challenges. In fact, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ranks human services among the most rapidly growing occupations.

Employers of recent UW Oshkosh Human Services Leadership graduates include Big Brothers and Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, the March of Dimes, the Red Cross, the United Way, the YMCA, as well as emergency shelters, health agencies, food and nutrition agencies, legal and victims' assistance organizations and government agencies.

A master's degree in counseling, social work, occupational therapy, or related field, in addition to appropriate professional licensure, can lead to advancement to supervisory or more senior-level positions.

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HSL coursework becomes an ongoing community program

A home food delivery program for rural Winnebago County residents developed by Kati Hinds '11 for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry as part of her Human Services coursework continues to operate today with help from UW Oshkosh students. The program serves more than 35 households who can not get to the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry.

"The degree prepared me in every aspect for my job at CHAPS. I learned solid skills in the classroom that helped me be successful. I was also able to get my foot in the door of an agency I plan to be a part of for a very long time."

Erin Wilkum '11
Operations Team Leader
CHAPS Academy, Shiocton, Wisc.

CHAPS serves children and families dealing with emotional and/or behavioral difficulties through equine-assisted mental health counseling activities.