

Human Services Leadership Collaborative Degree Program

Expanding Human Services Leadership into the community and beyond

Economic changes, complex social issues and changing demographics require human services leaders to not only find ways help individuals in crisis, but also guide families and communities to a self-sufficient and sustainable future.

As demand for human services grows, agencies and community-based organizations are continually looking to improve their capacity to deliver an efficient and effective array of services over time—yielding outcomes valued by multiple stakeholders throughout Wisconsin.

How can local communities set a standard for collaboration, sustainability of human services and leadership of those services?

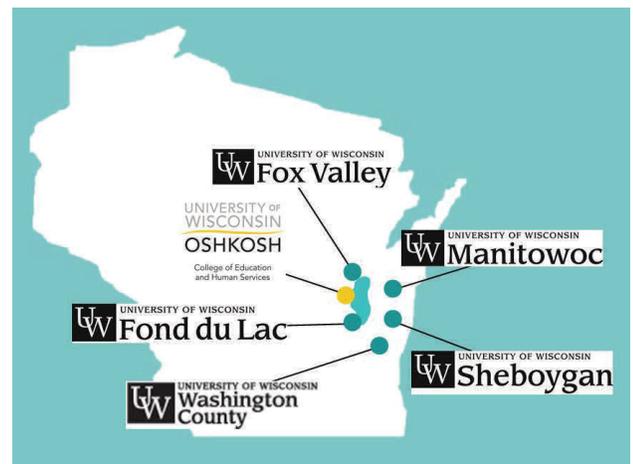
- **Believe in people.** Change attitudes, change strategies. The skills and gifts of individuals grow together to form greater assets and greater assets build and change communities. Greater communities bring stronger, more positive human condition and more sustainable communities for the future.
- Encourage community human service organizations to **collaborate**
- Find ways to include employers, business and industry councils, human service organizations, school districts, funders, and other key stakeholders in the community to **engage** collaboratively in developing **solutions** to local issues.
- Instrumental in developing **effective collaborations** are educational institutions, human services organizations, civic groups, UW-Extension, chamber of commerce, coalitions, as well as a wide range of non-profits and other organizations.

Building Local Human Services Leadership expertise

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, UW-Colleges and UW-Extension are helping build human services leadership capacity in local communities through a collaborative degree program. This new program enables traditional and adult students to earn a UW-College associate's degree and a UW Oshkosh bachelor's degree in human services leadership while remaining in their local communities.

Local communities and agencies are integral to developing future leaders in human services. These groups can help create and support these up-and-comers by:

- Encouraging **staff development** in human services leadership. The collaborative degree program is a great fit for adults looking to expand their skillsets within their local community.
- Encouraging other local leaders to **share their expertise through internship supervision** and/or classroom instruction for the collaborative human services leadership degree program.
- Developing current leaders to benefit organizations and supporting **training and education** opportunities.
- Establishing mechanisms for gathering and analyzing **community data and stakeholder input** while also providing analysis and assessment of workforce data, community needs human services responses, funding and networking.



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