The HMS master’s degree provides advanced education for students who have an undergraduate education in human services.

The M.A. degree in Human Services prepares students to practice with competency as human service professionals in multiple roles and settings. Students have the opportunity to choose from four concentrations that provide specialization expertise.

Human Services faculty are pictured above (left to right): Dr. Carol Rankin, Dr. Youngjin Kang, Dr. Carolyn Peck, and Dr. Denise Bockmier-Sommers. Our faculty members have over seventy years of combined field experience providing strong direct service applications to the academic course content.

Graduate Degree
- Master of Arts (M.A.)
  Concentrations:
  - Alcohol and Substance Abuse (blended)*
  - Child and Family Studies (blended)*
  - Gerontology (blended)*
  - Social Services Administration (entirely online)

* at least 50% online

Graduate Certificates
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Professional Development Sequence in Gerontology

Career Paths
- Foster Care Case Manager
- Child Protection Investigator
- Human Services Supervisor
- Planner Area Aging Agency
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Human Services Grant Writer
- Alzheimer’s Family Support Coordinator

Distinction
- The Alcohol and Substance Abuse concentration is accredited by the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc. (IAODAPCA)
Master’s Degree

HUMAN SERVICES CORE REQUIREMENTS

Core course requirements are the same for all concentrations.

Core Requirements 24 Hours

The following courses are offered ONLINE every fall and spring semester:

- HMS 501 Critical Perspectives in Human Services 4 Hrs.
- HMS 502 Interview and Assessment Skills in Human Services 4 Hrs.
- HMS 511 Social Policy and Human Services 4 Hrs.
- HMS 516 Ethics and Professional Development 4 Hrs.
- HMS 550 Internship 4 Hrs.
- HMS 585 Capstone 4 Hrs.

TOTAL 24 Hrs.

ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REQUIREMENTS

The following courses are offered in a blended format, with only five on-campus sessions per class, and the remainder of the sessions offered online.

- HMS 521 Advanced Interviewing and Intervention 4 Hrs.
- HMS 525 Alcoholism and Substance Abuse 4 Hrs.
- HMS 527 Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse 4 Hrs.
- HMS 528 Dual Diagnosis and Relapse Prevention 4 Hrs.
- One additional graduate level elective course with approval of academic advisor 4 Hrs.

TOTAL 20 Hrs.

If enrolling in the degree, students do not need to also enroll in the certificate.

Certificate in Alcohol & Substance Abuse. On completion of the required 20 semester hours of coursework, students may take the Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor (CADC) exam. Certificate-only students will take the HMS 550 Internship course.

CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

The following courses are offered in a blended format, with only five on-campus sessions per class, and the remainder of the sessions offered online.

- HMS 521 Advanced Interviewing and Intervention 4 Hrs.
- HMS 525 Alcoholism and Substance Abuse 4 Hrs.
- HMS 533 Child Abuse and Neglect 4 Hrs.
- HMS 537 Treating Children from Diverse Populations 4 Hrs.
- HMS 567 Family Dynamics and Intervention 4 Hrs.

TOTAL 20 Hrs.

GERONTOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

The following courses are offered in a blended format, with only four on-campus sessions per class, and the remainder of the sessions offered online.

- HMS 508 Psychology of Aging 4 Hrs.
- HMS 529 Perspectives on Aging (Online only) 4 Hrs.
- HMS 563 Sociology of Death, Dying, and Bereavement 4 Hrs.
- HMS 582 Aging and Human Services 4 Hrs.
- One additional graduate level elective course with approval of academic advisor 4 Hrs.

Total 24 Hrs.

Professional Development Sequence in Gerontology. Sixteen hours (4 classes) in gerontology intensive coursework designed for individuals who already have one graduate degree and are either currently working with older persons in some capacity or are interested in additional education in order to shift or change their careers. All courses are offered in the blended format.

SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The following courses are offered entirely online.

- HMS 514 Staff Development and Supervision 4 Hrs.
- HMS 538 Social Services Administration 4 Hrs.
- HMS 584 Introduction to Nonprofit Management 4 Hrs.
- HMS 588 Grant Writing in Human Services 4 Hrs.
- One additional graduate level elective course with approval of academic advisor 4 Hrs.

Total 24 Hrs.

IMPORTANT! Information effective Fall 2018. Subject to change without notice. The information does not constitute a contract between the student and UIS. See www.uis.edu/uiscatalog for current program requirements.