Behavioral Health/Human Services

Help Others to Help Themselves

Would you like to work with people to improve their lives? Do you have the capacity to give to others who need help? The Behavioral Health/Human Services program provides relationship skills training for individuals who want to work in this growing field.

Because the manner in which human service work is conducted is as important as knowledge of theories or techniques, students are encouraged to grow in personal awareness and effectiveness.

The Behavioral Health/Human Services program prepares you to work effectively with people. It offers opportunities to:

- observe how people develop and behave
- consider the ways that social environments affect people
- examine the part you play as a behavioral health professional in the lives of others
- approach difficult situations with understanding
- respond effectively

A field placement at a human services agency enables you to test your skills and learn what to expect as a professional in this field. By combining theory with human service skills practice, the program's courses prepare you to enter the workforce or continue your education.

The Behavioral Health/Human Services program offers the benefit of a faculty of trained, licensed professionals, many with doctorates in psychology or social work.

In addition to the associate's degree you receive through the program, you can specialize and receive a certificate in any of the following areas:

- Addiction Studies
- Disabilities Studies
- Human Services
- Social Gerontology

Career Paths

The U.S. Department of Labor forecasts that home health care services, community care facilities for the elderly and residential mental retardation facilities will be among the 10 industries with the fastest wage and salary employment growth through 2014.

More than 60 percent of Behavioral Health/Human Services program graduates transfer and pursue further study leading to careers, including:

- substance abuse counselor or behavioral health counselor
The Behavioral Health/Human Services Program
The A.A.S. program in Behavioral Health/Human Services provides opportunities to learn:

- case management
- client relationship-building
- techniques for working with groups and individuals
- professional responses to cultural differences
- professional values and ethical standards

Graduating with an A.A.S. degree prepares you to:

- enter one of the careers listed above in “Career Paths”
- apply your skills toward advancement in a current employment situation
- transfer for further study at a four-year institution

The College has agreements with select four-year colleges and universities in the area that enable students to transfer seamlessly.

College Information
Visit the College Website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

- Academic Programs
  www.ccp.edu/site/academic/
- Admissions Process
  www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php
- Transfer Agreements
  www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/
- Financial Aid
  www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/
- Scholarships and Awards
  www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/
- College Life
  www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/
- Directions to the College
  www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

The program has flexible scheduling, including days, evenings and weekends. You can complete the program as a full-time or part-time student. Online courses are also offered.

Areas of Study
Case Management, Counseling, Family and Domestic Violence and Crisis Management are some of the courses in the curriculum.

Admission to the College
Prospective students are strongly encouraged to apply early prior to the start of a term in order to complete the appropriate steps for enrollment. For more information about admission to the College and important dates, including open house information, visit our website at www.ccp.edu, call 215-751-8010 or email admissions@ccp.edu.

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