



OVERVIEW

The Human Services Program is an interdisciplinary major in the College of Arts and Sciences. The major requires courses in human services, psychology, sociology, and other fields. The mission of the Human Services Program is to provide students with the theoretical and skill based background necessary to practice in macro, mezzo, and micro arenas such as political advocacy, community development and direct service. Students take basic foundation courses, skills courses, complete intensive fieldwork internships in the Boston Area agencies. Human Services is one of the fastest growing professions in the Nation. The curriculum affords students the opportunity to acquire fundamental attitudes, knowledge, and skills that may lead to careers broadly defined as the "helping professions."

Specializations: Administration and Policy; Applied Behavior Analysis; Counseling Psychology; Deaf Studies; Family and Children Services; and Social Justice, Identity, and Religion.

Department website: [Human Services](#)

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Case Worker	Grant Writer
Adoption	Health Educator
Crisis Intervention	Intake Interviewer
Child Care	Life Skills Instructor
Community Activist	Management Trainee
Community Outreach Coordinator	Occupational Therapist Aide
Corrections Officer	Patient Advocate
Counselor Aide/ Therapeutic Assistant	Teen Parent Educator
Counselor:	Training Specialist
Family and Marriage	Social Service Assistant
Vocational/Educational	Victim Assistance Coordinator
Rehabilitation	Youth or Volunteer Coordinator
Mental Health	Youth Services Coordinator
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder	Youth Worker

Positions that require additional education or training are indicated by a ().*

Job qualifications are based not only on degree program, but on skills and experience. Students should seek out as many experiential opportunities in their fields of interest as possible, including Co-op and internships.

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

Adoption Agencies
Colleges and Universities
Community Centers
Drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers
Government Agencies
Group homes and halfway houses

Hospitals
Mental Health Agencies
Private treatment facilities
Recreational facilities (i.e., YMCA or YWCA)
Senior or Assisted Living Centers
Victim Services organizations

INTERNSHIPS

These sample titles can be used to research internship opportunities in the field.

Social Service Administration Intern
Program/Volunteer Coordinator Intern
Advocacy Intern

To search for internship opportunities, login to [Husky Career Link](#), Career Services' online job and internship bank for opportunities with employers seeking to hire NU students.

CO-OPS

For more information, please visit the department's website.

Students enrolled in the *College of Professional Studies* may click [here](#) for co-op and internship information.

CAREER EXPLORATION & JOB POSTINGS

The following resources include various websites and campus resources that will aid you in exploring this career field and industry.

CAREER & JOB WEBSITES

[MassCIS – Massachusetts Information System](#)
[Bureau of Labor Statistics – Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
[Vocational Biographies](#) (username: NE Univ; password: RAZDE)
[O*NET OnLine](#)
[Idealist.org](#)
[Dice.com](#)
[Indeed.com](#)
[SimplyHired.com](#)
[hscareers](#)
[Social Service](#)

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

[Human Services Organization \(Club\)](#)

[Center of Community Service](#)

[Service Learning](#)

[American Red Cross of Northeastern University](#)

**For additional student organizations click [here](#).*

**For additional student activities click [here](#).*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Find valuable industry information, job sites, and professionals in the field you may contact for informational interview requests and networking opportunities.

[American Counseling Association](#)

[American Psychological Association](#)

[American Public Human Services Association](#)

[National Association of Social Workers](#)

[National Human Services Assembly](#)

[National Organization for Human Services](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Sample LinkedIn.com Groups providing resources such as industry trends, company information, job listings, and networking opportunities within the field:

[Health and Human Services](#)

[Nonprofit Human - Social Services and Issues](#)

[Social Work Network](#)