

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2019
[2019*03]

Curriculum Program Title	Human Services Technology	Program Code	A4538F
Concentration	Animal Assisted Interactions	CIP Code	51.2313

Curriculum Description

The Human Services Technology/Animal Assisted Interactions concentration prepares individuals for entry-level positions in service organizations providing animal interactions. The curriculum prepares students to incorporate specially- selected animals in goal-directed interactions to mental/physical disabilities, social, emotional, and/or cognitive functioning in people.

Course work includes a history of the field of animal interventions, scientific evidence regarding the benefits of interactions, theoretical models, application of the human-animal bond and current trends. Students gain skills in measurement methodology and in animal handling and management.

Graduates should qualify for employment in mental health, physical disabilities, youth services, social services, rehabilitation, correction, elder, and educational agencies. Upon completion of the degree, students may be eligible for certification through national or international organizations.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

- I. **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. **Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. **Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit in Program	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE <i>Courses required for the diploma are designated with *</i> Required Courses: HSE 110 Introduction to Human Services 3 SHC HSE 112 Group Process I 2 SHC HSE 123 Interviewing Techniques 3 SHC HSE 125 Counseling 3 SHC HSE 210 Human Services Issues 2 SHC HSE 225 Crisis Intervention 3 SHC PSY 150 General Psychology 3 SHC Required Subject Areas: Psychology. Select one: PSY 110 Life Span Development 3 SHC PSY 241 Developmental Psychology 3 SHC PSY 281 Abnormal Psychology 3 SHC Sociology. Select one: SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology 3 SHC SOC 213 Sociology of the Family 3 SHC SOC 220 Social Problems 3 SHC	25 SHC		
B. CONCENTRATION Select one concentration track: <i>Courses unique to the concentration are designated with **</i> ** AAI 110 Animal Interactions Intro 1 SHC AAI 120 Animals in Human Lives 3 SHC ** AAI 130 Animal Handling Skills 3 SHC ** AAI 210 Interaction Methodology 3 SHC ** AAI 220 Interaction Documentation 3 SHC OR ** EQU 110 Intro Therapeutic Horsemanship 2 SHC ** EQU 115 Prin of Equine Assisted Act 3 SHC ** EQU 125 Equine Behavior 3 SHC ** EQU 210 Training The Therapeutic Horse 2 SHC ** EQU 215 Equine Assisted Act-Teaching 2 SHC	13 SHC 12 SHC		

<p>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i></p> <p>AAI, BIO, BUS, CIS, CSC, DDT, EQU, GRO, HEA, HSC, HSE, MED, MHA, OST, PBT, POL, PSY, SAB, SOC, SWK, WBL, and WEB</p> <p><i>Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.</i></p> <p><i>Three semester hour credits may be selected from PTE.</i></p> <p><i>Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA</i></p>			
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