



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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CHANGE REQUEST: NAME AND CURRICULUM MODIFICATION

Date of submission: October 24, 2016

Name of institution: Kent State University

Previously approved title: Human Services Technology major within the Associate of Applied Science degree

Proposed new title: Human Services major within the Associate of Applied Science degree

Proposed implementation: Fall 2017

Date that the request received final approval from the appropriate institutional committee:
[DATE] (Kent State University Board of Trustees)

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Educator Preparation Programs:

Leads to licensure: No
Leads to endorsement: No

Brief history of the program:

Kent State University established the associate degree program in human services technology in 1987 on the Ashtabula and Salem campuses. The program prepares graduates for entry-level positions in a variety of human services agencies, and includes applied courses in human services and joint university-agency supervised internships. Successful graduates may be able to apply for the social work assistant license through the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. Students also may be eligible to apply for the entry-level licensure process in chemical dependency counseling through the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professional Board.

The program was designed to articulate fully to Kent State's Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies, Human Services Technology concentration.

Explain the rationale for name and curricular changes:

At the time of the program's establishment, the Ohio Board of Regents (predecessor to the Ohio Department of Higher Education) determined that the Associate of Applied Science degree was to be used for a "planned program of instruction in a technology," with the primary goal to prepare students for immediate employment upon graduation.¹ All majors under the AAS degree were considered "technical majors" and were required to have the word "technology" in their title to signify their intent.

While the Associate of Applied Science degree is still considered one gateway for students to learn and apply knowledge for practical purposes, especially in industry, the Ohio Department of Higher Education no longer requires that the majors include the word "technology."

Therefore, this request is to remove that word from the major. Having the word "technology" in the Human Services major has created confusion among prospective students, giving them the impression that the program is computer-based in content and outcomes.

In addition to the request to change the major name, the curriculum for the program is revised to better reflect the objectives of the program, using contemporary terminology in the field, as well as to align better with the Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Services Educators endorsement standards for both the social work assistant license and the chemical dependency counselor assistant license. Curriculum revisions will identify better the program's content and competencies for employers and will provide a stronger foundation for student progression into behavioral science-focused bachelor's degrees.

Among the changes made to the curriculum are the following. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is unchanged at 64.

- Revise eight required Human Services courses, including changes to title, credit hours, content, prerequisites
- Establish course that introduces the history and development of social welfare
- Remove requirement that students take medical terminology and community/public health courses; students may take the courses as technical electives
- Allow more course options for technical electives

Describe how the name and curricular changes will affect students in the current program:

The name change will improve student understanding of the program content. The curriculum changes will strengthen the program for student progression and success in the bachelor's degree, create additional pathways for students after graduation and enhance the ability for the program to be endorsed by the Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Services Educators.

Describe any faculty, administrative or support service changes occurring along with the name and curriculum changes:

No service impact is anticipated as both the Ashtabula and Salem campuses have sufficient resources to continue to support the degree program. In fall 2016, 41 students were declared in the major on the Ashtabula Campus, and 27 students declared in the major on the Salem Campus. The program is overseen by an academic program director, with one full-time faculty member and approximately five part-time instructors

¹ Operating Manual for Two-Year Campus Programs (August 1979, updated April 1998). Ohio Board of Regents.

Provide evidence that the appropriate accreditation agencies been informed of the proposed change:

Not applicable as the degree program does not have specified accreditation.

Describe how the effectiveness of the new curriculum will be monitored over time:

The Ashtabula and Salem campuses will utilize a variety of means to monitor the effectiveness including campus collaboration and department meetings to review courses and program; feedback from respective advisory committees, as well as agency supervisors hosting student interns; the use of the university program evaluation tool, Taskstream, to monitor student objective achievement; and alignment with program endorsement review standards by the Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Services Educators as commissioned by the Ohio Social Work Board and the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board.

Submit a comparison of the currently authorized curriculum and the proposed curriculum:

See Appendix A.

Kent State University verifies that the information in this request is truthful and accurate.

Respectfully,

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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

APPENDIX A

Note: The subject (prefix) for human services courses will be revised, from HS to HSRV.

Previously Authorized Curriculum	Cr	Proposed Curriculum	Cr	Changes
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	36	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	30	Credit hours decreased
HDFS 24011 Interpersonal Relationships and Families	3	HDFS 24011 Interpersonal Relationships and Families	3	
HED 11590 Community Health or PH 10001 Intro to Public Health	3			Removed as required
HST 11000 Introduction to Human Services	1	HSRV 11000 Foundations in Human Services	3	Title, credits, description, content
HST 11001 Group Process in Human Services	2	HSRV 11001 Group Methods in Human Services	3	Title, credits, description, content
HST 11002 Survey of Community Resources	3	HSRV 11002 Survey of Community Resources	3	Content
HST 21000 Dynamics of the Helping Relationship	3	HSRV 21000 Dynamics of the Helping Relationship	3	Description, prerequisite
HST 21001 Assessment of Client Needs	3	HSRV 21001 Assessment Methods in Human Services	3	Title, description, content, co/prerequisite
HST 21002 Client Advocacy & Case Management	3	HSRV 21002 Community Supportive Treatment and Advocacy in Human Services	3	Title, description, content, co/prerequisite
		HSRV 21003 Social Welfare in Human Services	3	New
HST 21092 Internship I	3	HSRV 21092 Internship I	3	Title, co/prerequisite
HST 21192 Internship II	3	HSRV 21192 Internship II	3	Title, co/prerequisite
Technical Electives, choose from: COMT 11000, ECED, ECET, EPSY, GERO, HED, HDFS, HST, ITAP, CRIM, NURS, SOC, PSYC	9			Moved from major to additional (does not count in major GPA)
GENERAL EDUCATION/ADDITIONAL	28	GENERAL EDUCATION/ADDITIONAL	34	Credit hours increased
COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communications	3	COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communications	3	
ENG 20002 Intro to Technical Writing or ENG 21011 College Writing II	3	ENG 20002 Intro to Technical Writing or ENG 21011 College Writing II	3	
HED 14020 Medical Terminology	3			Removed as required
PSYC 11762 General Psychology	3	PSYC 11762 General Psychology	3	
SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology	3	
UC 10097 First Year Experience	1	UC 10097 First Year Experience	1	
Kent Core Composition	3	Kent Core Composition	3	
Kent Core Math/Critical Reasoning	3	Kent Core Math/Critical Reasoning	3	
Kent Core Humanities or Fine Arts	3	Kent Core Humanities or Fine Arts	3	
Kent Core Basic Sciences	3	Kent Core Basic Sciences	3	
		Technical Electives, choose from: AHS, CACM, CES, COMT 11000, ECED, ECET, EPSY, GERO, HED, HDFS, HS, CRIM, NURS, SOC, OTEC, PH, PSYC, foreign language	9	Moved from major (does not count in major GPA); additional options added
TOTAL OVERALL HOURS	64	TOTAL OVERALL HOURS	64	