



Master of Science in

HUMAN SERVICES

Come Back and Move Your Human Services Career Forward

With America's expanding senior population and 11% of people living in poverty¹, there is an increasing demand for human service professionals.² This is your moment. Earn the degree your career deserves and become an advocate for families and communities with Purdue Global's master's program. The curriculum reflects the needs of today's employers, preparing you for leadership positions in various nonprofit or government agencies that make a positive impact on society.³

The program adheres to the curriculum standards of the Council for Standards in Human Services Education. It can also be adjusted to your career goals with a concentration in Family and Community Services or Organizational and Social Services.



Why Study Human Services At Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.⁴

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the human services field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Expert Faculty

Learn from human services and education experts who are practicing professionals in the field. All faculty possess doctorate degrees and relevant industry credentials.

Practical Experience You Can Count On

Put your studies to work with a capstone project that tackles a real-world human services concern. You can also gain practical experience in the field through an optional internship.⁵

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.⁶

Prepare for Optional Certification⁷

Coursework in this program fulfills the educational requirements to sit for the optional Human Services—Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP) exam offered by the Center for Credentialing & Education.

Please note that you must meet post-degree experience requirements in order to earn the optional HS-BCP credential.



Our program is designed to prepare students for positions in leadership and management in not-for-profit organizations. Students who strive to be leaders in the field of child and family services, as well as social services and private agencies, will appreciate the coursework and the opportunities this degree will afford them.

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Human Services Program Chair

Become A Leader Who Is A True Proponent Of Change

The program is designed for professionals who are committed to improving the quality of life for all people in the growing field of human services. Prepare to advance your current career in human services or to take on an administrative role in fundraising, grant writing, or program management. Develop the skills that employers—and clients—can depend on:

- Use critical thinking to devise innovative, strategic, empathetic solutions to complex situations.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical bases, best practices, and historical and current trends related to the human services profession.
- Identify, plan, and utilize resources to improve client situations.
- Understand proper professional, ethical, and legal workplace expectations.
- Utilize information and systems to appropriately manage and deliver human services.
- Recognize the importance of culture, gender, diversity, and global perspectives when working with clients.
- Work with diverse funding sources, influence policy, and intervene on behalf of those in need.
- Understand funding avenues and grant processes that are beneficial to starting a not-for-profit agency.

Curriculum

Our comprehensive curriculum focuses on the delivery of services; the accessibility, design, implementation, and evaluation of interventions; and the planning, administration, and coordination of programs. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

Core Courses

- History, Multiculturalism, and Diversity in Human Services
- Skills and Practice in Human Services
- Professional Ethics and Personal Values

Concentrations

Gain specialized expertise with a career-focused concentration. Choose from:

Family and Community Services

Learn to address the complexities of developing and administering services for children and families. The concentration includes an emphasis on program development, resiliency, family theories, and advocacy.

Organizational and Social Services

Gain the knowledge and skills to work with diverse funding sources, influence policy, supervise staff, and develop and administer programs or interventions that address community needs.

Program Detail

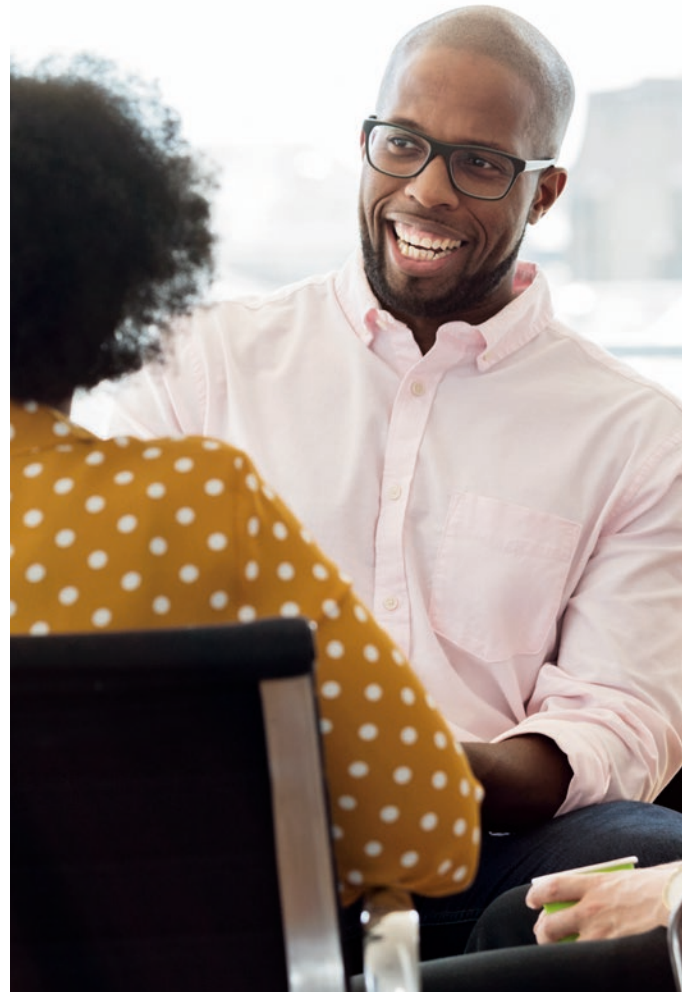
Credit Hours: 45

Program Length: 1 year of full-time study

Course Load: 1–2 per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year



Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- Employment of social and community service managers is expected to grow much faster than average from 2022 to 2032.²
- As America's "in-need" population increases, there is an expected demand for professionals who are committed to improving quality of life using evidence-based research and ensuring these individuals receive support and care.

Career Pathways and Outcomes³

Roles

- Social or community service worker or manager
- Agency caseworker or manager
- Development director
- Program worker or manager
- Executive director
- Nonprofit worker or manager

Settings

- Nonprofit agency
- Government office
- Private agency
- Hospital
- Nursing home
- School

The Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists helps connect students with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Student Organizations and Honor Societies

- Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
- Human Services Club



Additional Programs

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Psychology

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

1 U.S. Census Bureau, Income and Poverty in the United States: 2021, <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2022/demo/p60-277.html>.

2 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Social and Community Service Managers.

www.bls.gov/ooh/management/social-and-community-service-managers.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

3 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.

4 Some Purdue Global programs are not 100% online; some programs require you to gain hands-on experience in a real-world work environment. Contact an Admissions Advisor for additional information.

5 The student is responsible for identifying and obtaining approval for an appropriate internship in his or her location.

6 <https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list>. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

7 The coursework in this program fulfills the academic requirements to sit for the optional exam to become a Human Services—Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP). Please note that you must meet post-degree experience requirements in order to earn the optional HS-BCP credential. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. This program was not designed to lead to certification or licensure as a social worker or counselor in any specific state, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.