Social and Community Services
Graduate Certificate

Effective January 8, 2018
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Graduate certificates are an ideal way to update existing knowledge, gain new knowledge, and study at the graduate level. Coursework completed in a graduate certificate program may be applied toward a graduate degree program at Capella, including the MS in Human Services Social and Community Services specialization.

This graduate certificate is offered in the GuidedPath delivery model.

The Social and Community Services graduate certificate is designed for professionals who desire greater knowledge in the fundamentals of social and community services. The Social and Community Services graduate certificate is not designed to meet licensure requirements for the social work professions.
Curriculum

- 4 required courses
- Total program credits: 16 quarter credits

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Course Descriptions

**HS5401 History of Social Welfare**

This course is an advanced historical survey of social services, public policies, social welfare, and the profession of social work in the U.S. from the colonial era to the present. Learners in the course explore the historical social welfare experience of different groups, including women, Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, citizens with disabilities, gays and lesbians, and others in the U.S. Some comparisons are made to other social welfare systems, particularly those of England, which greatly influenced early U.S. “poor laws.”

**HS5423 Philosophy of Social Work**

Learners in this course review the history, development, and intervention methods of contemporary social work within the framework of social work philosophy. Learners examine issues related to a wide range of families, communities, and systems by conducting analyses of social welfare systems with the objective of improving social conditions.

**HS5436 Utilization of Community Resources**

Learners in this course investigate the influence of larger social systems on human behavior and various methods of organizing and utilizing community resources. The course addresses specific topics such as theories of social organization, community organizing, self-help organizations, use of volunteers, and the use of social policy to influence human behavior.

**HS8478 The Family in Social Context**

Learners in this course examine families from a systems perspective and explore the dynamics and systems influencing family structures. Learners also identify the leadership skills needed to work with diverse family groups and the challenges faced by human service professionals. *Learners may only earn credit for HS8478 or SHB8478.*

Capella’s Career Center proactively assists learners and alumni in developing and implementing their unique career management goals. The Career Center staff is committed to helping working adults move forward in their careers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree from an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting agency or an internationally recognized institution
- Grade point average of 2.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale

The courses in this program may require live web conferencing activities and/or learner audio/video recordings. Learners who require assistive technology or alternative communication methods to participate in these activities should contact Disability Services to request accommodations.
Financial Aid

Capella University offers assistance to learners who qualify and would like to secure educational funding to help finance their academic program. A number of options are available, given the diverse needs and backgrounds of prospective learners. Options include:

- Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program
- Non-federal loans through preferred lenders and financial institutions
- Capella scholarships
- External scholarships
- Veterans’ educational benefits and U.S. armed forces discounts
- Corporate and higher education alliances
- Employer tuition reimbursement

Regarding loan programs, interest rates for Stafford student loans are low compared to other types of consumer loans, and repayment can be deferred until after graduation. In compliance with federal and state laws, Capella University has established policies for all learners regarding satisfactory academic progress, which is necessary for financial aid eligibility.
Anna Hultquist, PhD
Dean

Anna Hultquist is dean of Capella University’s School of Counseling and Human Services, having previously served as associate dean for the Department of Counseling. Dr. Hultquist has more than 20 years of experience as a licensed therapist, counselor educator, and program director, designing programs to meet state and national accreditation standards. In addition to maintaining an active private practice, Dr. Hultquist has established and served as clinical director for two community-based counseling centers that trained graduate-level clinical interns. Her service to the profession has included professional licensure initiatives, appointment to the Oregon State Board for Professional Counselors and Therapists, and numerous conference presentations and professional articles. Dr. Hultquist earned a COAMFTE-accredited Master of Science in Human Development, Counseling and Family Studies from the University of Rhode Island, completed graduate work in guidance and school counseling at Rhode Island College, and earned a PhD in Adult Education from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Hultquist holds the distinction of Certified Family Life Educator from the National Council on Family Relations, as well as Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. She is also a member of the American Counseling Association, the Association for Conflict Resolution, and the International Association of Coaches.
Move Forward with Capella University

WORKING SCHOLARS
Capella provides an online, flexible learning environment for working adults who are also determined scholars. That connection between academic and professional work infuses the entire Capella experience—from the faculty we recruit to the course projects you complete. The theories discussed in the courseroom are designed to develop working knowledge for everyday situations.

AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY
Our accreditation* is an assurance to students, employers, and the public that Capella University meets established standards for quality of faculty, curriculum, and learner services. It is also an important factor in the ability to transfer credits among higher education institutions. Regional accreditation, the type held by Capella, is the most common type for major public, state, and private institutions in the United States.

VALUING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE
Adults bring a wealth of experience and learning to their education. Capella courses are designed to bring out your perspectives just as you gain from others’ ideas. Your knowledge can also be worth time and money: An enrollment counselor can help you estimate how much of your prior learning may apply toward your Capella degree program.

*ACCREDITATION
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