

Course Outline
HUMS 101
Introduction to Human Services

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Introduction to Human Services

Provides an interdisciplinary approach to the understanding of human services in a multicultural society; introduces the student to the skills necessary for entry level and professional work in education, social work, mental health, human services administration, and supported employment.

Overall Course Objectives

- A. Recognize the broad perspective of the field of human services, including its history, theoretical bases, and current issues
- B. Discuss the implications of managed care and welfare reform
- C. Compare models of human service delivery
- D. Examine career options with special emphasis on job development and job coaching
- E. Identify and use various strategies used in assessment and service delivery
- F. Assess the ethical and legal issues involved in working in the helping professions

Major Topics

- A. Careers in human services
- B. History and evolution of human services from ancient Greece to the present
- C. Managed care and welfare reform
- D. Models of service delivery
- E. Typology of clientele
- F. Comparing/contrasting of the theoretical approaches of the psychoanalytic, behavioristic, constructivist, humanistic, and transactual analysis
- G. Crisis intervention and self-help
- H. Substance abuse and supported employment
- I. Ethical and legal issues

Course Requirements

- A. Mid-term and/or periodic examination
- B. Term paper and/or projects
- C. Comprehensive final examination
- D. Attendance and participation