Have an impact

*Would you describe yourself as caring and compassionate? Are you concerned about the welfare and well-being of others? Do you want to have a positive and lasting impact?*

Then the Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies (HSRS) program at Assumption is the right choice for you. Through a combination of fascinating course work and meaningful fieldwork, you learn how to develop the potential and promote the worth of individuals, from at-risk youths to children and adults with disabilities.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Assumption offers an accelerated program of study that allows highly qualified undergraduates to begin working toward their master's degree in rehabilitation counseling during their senior year. Through this program, students complete both their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years.

Make a difference

Assisting children with autism. Serving veterans at a homeless shelter. Working with victims of domestic abuse. Helping a single mother apply for welfare benefits. There are so many ways for you to make a difference in somebody's life. At Assumption, our program in human services and rehabilitation studies gives you the knowledge and skills you'll need to provide assistance to those who need it most.

You'll learn how to help a wide range of populations with various behavioral, emotional, physical, and social needs. You'll receive one-on-one guidance and mentoring from our highly regarded professors who work with you to meet your academic and career goals. You'll participate in rewarding internships that allow you to utilize what you've learned in the classroom in a hands-on way.

And with its array of public and private service agencies, facilities, and organizations, Worcester, Massachusetts, is the ideal setting for you to gain experience in this field. So whether you choose to intern at a nursing home or an elementary school, you are prepared to make valuable contributions as a human services/rehabilitation professional.
While many of our graduates pursue advanced degrees in speech and language pathology, occupational therapy, and social work, others enter directly into the workforce in such settings as drug treatment facilities, rape crisis and domestic violence centers, school systems, and welfare agencies.

Here’s a sampling of where our graduates can be found:

RECENT EMPLOYERS
The Bridge
Department of Children and Families
Devereux School
The KEY Program
Community Healthlink
Jesuit Volunteers

WHAT’S NEXT?

Course of study
Assumption’s human services and rehabilitation studies (HSRS) majors examine the full range of disabilities impacting both children and adults, including developmental, physical, and speech disabilities. Through the integration of classroom theory with real-world experience, you gain technical knowledge and practical skills in the areas of disability services, human services, rehabilitation services, and social services. A minor in HSRS is also available.

MAJOR WITH CONCENTRATION IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS:
You’ll specialize in the promotion of healthy emotional and social development as well as academic achievement in children and adolescents with disabilities and at-risk youth populations through intervention and prevention programs.

MAJOR WITH CONCENTRATION IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS:
Your coursework follows the standards established by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, and prepares you for graduate studies in the fields of speech and language pathology and audiology.

CONCENTRATION IN OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY:
You may choose to major in HSRS or another area and earn a multidisciplinary concentration that provides you with the prerequisites to enter an occupational or physical therapy graduate program.

Learn more about our program’s faculty, courses, and degree requirements at www.assumption.edu/programs

DID YOU KNOW?
Our program graduates are well prepared for advanced studies in such areas as counseling psychology, school counseling, and special education – all of which are offered through the Graduate School at Assumption.

Learn by doing
What makes Assumption’s HSRS curriculum distinctive is its full-time, semester-long internship requirement for all majors. You develop and refine your professional skills as you explore your interests, talents, and goals through your personalized internship experience.

Here in the second-largest city in New England, we’re surrounded by dozens of health and human services agencies, where you have the opportunity to work with professionals who assist children, adolescents and adults with diverse needs – and from diverse backgrounds. And as one of the largest school systems in Massachusetts, Worcester also offers an array of options for those students interested in working in an educational setting.

Through your internship, you acquire the knowledge, confidence and professionalism that give you a leg up in today’s competitive job market, and you also make important contacts that may open doors to future employment.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Assumption College Reach Out Center coordinates the activities of student volunteers in nonprofit and governmental agencies and educational institutions throughout Worcester. Assumption students volunteered over 125,000 hours last year alone.

100% of majors from the Class of 2014 completed a full-time, semester-long internship

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES
Dismas Farm
Eisenberg Assisted Living
Eliminating Racism, Empowering Women
Jewish HealthCare Center
The KEY Program
Massachusetts Department of Children and Families
New England Center for Children (NECC)
Rainbow Child Development Center
Thom Early Intervention
Worcester Public Schools
Why Me & Sherry’s House

WHAT’S NEXT?

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Sample of graduate schools:
Assumption College
Lesley University
Loyola University
Malloy University
Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology
Northeastern University
UMass Amherst
University of Glasgow, Scotland
University of New Hampshire
Worcester State University