DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND REHABILITATION STUDIES



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.

Make a difference

Assumption College is home to one of the few motion capture laboratories in Central Massachusetts, providing a unique opportunity to learn how to use a highly sophisticated system. Participating in this sort of research can distinguish Assumption students in the application process for occupational and physical therapy graduate programs or other graduate programs in health, exercise or rehabilitation sciences.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

"The classes I took and the professors I had greatly prepared me to be successful at my internship which culminated in full time employment. My professors were very influential and taught me so much. I was able to jump right in at The Bridge of Central Massachusetts and felt like I really understood what was going on around me."

Katelin Riley '18, Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies, Intern at The Bridge of Central Massachusetts; Job: Residential Counselor at The Bridge of Central Massachusetts

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.



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 or audiology.

CONCENTRATION IN OCCUPATIONAL **OR 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.

CONCENTRATION IN PATIENT ADVOCACY:

Advance your knowledge and understanding of health and human services, health psychology, health care management, and sociology, in the context of the health care environment working with, and for, patients. This interdisciplinary concentration provides the student with education in aspects of law, ethics, policy, human services and the social sciences necessary for advancing patient- and familycentered health care.

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

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.

100%

of majors from the Class of 2018 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**

The New England Center for Children (NECC) Rainbow Child Development Center Thom Early Intervention Worcester Public Schools Why Me & Sherry's House

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?

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.

WHAT'S NEXT?

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:

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Behavioral Concepts Brandeis University The Bridge Community Healthlink Department of Children and Families Devereux School Four Winds Hospital The KEY Program Jesuit Volunteers The New England Center for Children (NECC)

SAMPLE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Assumption College Boston 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