

# Bachelor of Science in Human Services

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long the **Bachelor of Science in Human Services** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through UofSC Beaufort.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits and courses necessary to complete the major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina Beaufort and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

## Prepare for Your Future

The University of South Carolina Beaufort's Bachelor of Science in Human Services prepares students for employment within the helping professions and/or advance study in a variety of related academic disciplines.

In addition to Human Services courses, the program draws heavily from the disciplines of sociology and psychology. Students must complete three internship courses to gain a total of 360 hours of real-world experience in a supervised Human Service setting. This could include outreach in the areas of alcohol and drug abuse, disabilities and special needs, community and mental health, child abuse prevention and more.

## Why should I complete a bachelor's degree in human services?

Human services professionals work in mental health settings and in community, residential care or institutional settings providing services such as leading a group, organizing an activity or offering individual counseling.

## Why should I complete a degree online from UofSC Beaufort through Palmetto College?

The programs are developed and taught by the same professors who teach statewide in the nationally renowned UofSC system. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to the university's academic resources. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university!

## For More Information

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Human service professionals assist individuals, families and members of groups and communities in renew their capacity to function as individuals and in society.



A bachelor's degree in human services is great preparation for those who want to pursue helping professions, such as counseling, child advocacy or mediation.

## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- 45-60 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Completion of the following courses:
  - Composition
  - Composition and Literature
  - Math
  - Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication
  - Natural Science with a Lab
  - Natural Science with or without a Lab
  - Social or Behavioral Science
  - Fine Arts
  - American History or American Government

## Curriculum

Our human services program uses an asset or strengths-based approach to working with individuals, families and communities. We teach you the skills needed to make a difference in the lives of others.

**The curriculum includes coursework in the following disciplines:**

- Psychology - **15 credit hours**
- Sociology - **15 credit hours**
- Human Services - **12 credit hours**
- Leadership and Ethics - **9 credit hours**
- Internship - **12 credit hours**