

# Social Work

## Associate in Applied Science

**Career Pathway and Career Cluster:** *Health Sciences*

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The profession of social work is one of the projected areas of need in the human services area over the next several years.

The Associate in Applied Science in Social Work will provide students with the opportunity to work for agencies such as the Michigan Department of Human Services as an Assistance Payment Worker. An employee in this job determines an applicant's eligibility for financial assistance programs and maintains ongoing cases. The work involves frequent contact with the clients and others to obtain and verify information needed to approve services under various financial assistance programs, Food assistance, Medical assistance, and other programs administered by the Michigan Department of Human Services. The average pay for this job is \$10 to \$14 per hour.

Students with this degree will be eligible to go on and complete their Bachelor's degree in Social Work through Ferris State University or other four year institutions.

### Prerequisites

- ◆ Students will need to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, mathematics and English based on SMC assessment tests, ACT or SAT scores, or by taking the recommended courses.
- ◆ Some of the courses in this curriculum have specific prerequisites. These are described in the course descriptions.
- ◆ Students will be required to undergo a criminal background check.

### General Education Requirements

The general education courses listed for this degree require a C (2.0) or better for graduation. See "General Education Requirements" for more information and full listing of all general education courses.

### Course Sequence

- ◆ Some of the courses in this curriculum must be taken in a prescribed sequence because of prerequisite requirements. The listing that follows is a suggested sequence of courses for full-time students. If you are a part-time student or have transferred courses from another college, you should plan to complete the courses listed under Semester I before taking the courses listed under Semester II and so forth.

Course	Credits
<b>Semester I</b>	
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration	2
ENGL 103 Freshman English II	3
OR	
ENGL 103W Freshman English II w Workshop	4
MATH 150 Statistics	4
SPEE 102 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work	3
<b>Semester II</b>	
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4
ENGL 104 Freshman English III	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3
SOWK 120 Social Work/Interview Skills	3

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### Semester III

EDUC 215	Human Growth & Development	3
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4
PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	4
	<b>OR</b>	
	Approved Humanities Elective	(4)
POSC 201	American Government	3

### Semester IV

SOCI 203	Marriage and Family	3
SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3
SOWK 200	Social Welfare	3
SOWK 240	Field Experience	3
	Suggested Program Elective	3

### Total Program Credits **\*60-61**

\*NOTE: A minimum of 60 credits is required to graduate.

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**NOTE:** *Student who earn this degree will be eligible to go on and complete their Bachelor's degree in Social Work at a four year institution. Please contact your advisor to determine specific course requirements at the receiving institution prior to selecting options/electives.*

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### \*\*Suggested Program Electives—Choose 1

ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3
PHED 103	Life Wellness	2
PSYC 205	Child Psychology	3
PSYC 260	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOWK 205	Theories & Methods I	3
SPAN 170	Spanish in the Workplace	3