

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN

# Human Services Administration



The primary role of the human services professional is to help individuals function to the best of their ability within the context of their lives. In order to fulfill that role, these practitioners must be prepared to assist and serve clients in a manner that is nonjudgmental, moral, ethical, and competent.

Designed for human services professionals who want to pursue leadership positions as well as those seeking to enter the field, Mercer University's **Master of Science in Human Services Administration** focuses on creating synergy between individuals, communities, and resources to improve healthcare. Students learn to increase their ability to communicate with clients and assess health needs for various populations. Advisor-directed electives allow students to customize their concentration. The courses can include but are not limited to Child and Adolescent Services coursework, Gerontology Services coursework, and courses from another graduate degree program within the College of Professional Advancement.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Format:** Blended combination of online and in-person classes

**Start Term:** January, March, May, August, and October

**Course Length:** 16 weeks in fall and spring and 8 weeks in summer

**Completion Time:** 24 months

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## Program of Study

### Core Requirements: 27 hours

- HSRV 601 Ethics for Human Services Professionals
- HSRV 602 Families in Culture
- HSRV 603 Human Services Systems, Policies, and Procedures
- HSRV 604 Grantmaking
- HSRV 605 Human Behavior and Leadership
- HSRV 606 Marketing, Resource Development, and Social Entrepreneurship
- HSRV 607 Program Planning and Evaluation
- HSRV 608 Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods
- HSRV 798 Human Services Research Project

### Advisor-Directed Electives: 9 hours

#### Choose three of the following courses:

- HSRV 611 Adult Development
- HSRV 612 Nutrition and Health Services for Older Adults
- HSRV 613 Leisure and Recreational Services for Older Adults
- HSRV 621 Child and Adolescent Development
- HSRV 622 Nutrition and Health Services for Children and Adolescents
- HSRV 623 Leisure and Recreational Services for Children and Adolescents
- HSRV 690 Special Topics in Human Services Administration

### OR

Choose three courses from another graduate degree program with advisor approval.

**Total Degree Requirements: 36 hours**

## ACCELERATED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION PROGRAM

Qualified undergraduate students enrolled in Mercer's Bachelor of Science in Human Services may be eligible to accelerate completion of the Master of Science in Human Services Administration by completing two specific graduate-level courses required for the M.S. in Human Services Administration in lieu of two specific undergraduate-level courses and apply the course credits toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking graduate admission must have a bachelor's degree with an acceptable grade point average from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application
- \$35 application fee (\$100 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Official MAT or GRE score
- Letter of recommendation
- Interview

*International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.*



### CONTACT US

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