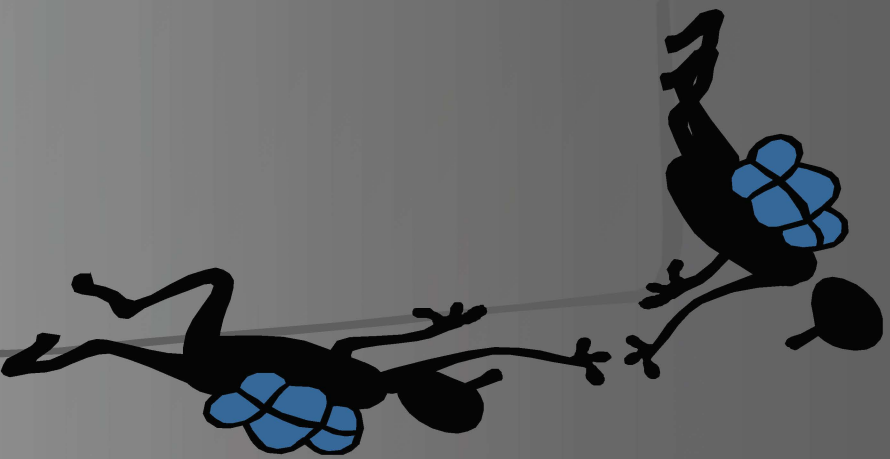


Human Services Assistant Certificate & **COMPETE** Programs

Certificate Programs offered
by
Columbus State Community
College



What is Human Services Assistant program about?

- 3 semester (Summer, Autumn and Spring) certificate program offered at Columbus State for adults of any age that have a developmental, intellectual or learning disability.
- Program is for individuals with a mild Developmental Disability, Learning Disability or Intellectual Disability that want to work with/support individuals with a moderate to severe Developmental Disability.

Who qualifies for the program?

- Individuals that:
 - Have a developmental disability or learning disability.
 - Have a high school diploma or GED
 - Have an interest in developing skills to assist others
 - Have the ability to “look” outside of themselves
 - Have the ability to engage appropriately in a classroom/internship setting
 - Be willing to commit to going to school for one year.
 - Meet Ohio’s background check requirements to work with individuals with a developmental disability.

Will they take classes at Columbus State?

- YES ! This is a college based program. Classes are taught at Columbus State. Classes will be adapted to meet the learning styles and needs of students. Classes are for credit and count towards a transcript.



What kind of classes do students take?

- 2 classes during the summer.
 - College Success
 - Students learn the skills needed to be successful in this program, in college and in their future job.
 - Service Delivery and Ethics
 - This course prepares students for their practicum experience by reviewing clinical expectations, supervision, professionalism and ethics. Practicum sites are toured and discussed.

What about the other 2 semesters?

◉ Autumn Semester

- Introduction to Developmental Disabilities
- Practicum & Seminar in Developmental Disabilities

◉ Spring Semester

- Intervention Strategies
- Practicum & Seminar in Intervention Strategies
- Self-Care

What is the COMPETE Program about?

- Students with an intellectual disability (having an IQ lower than 70), may qualify for Columbus State's COMPETE program. The COMPETE program allows the student to partake in the HSA classes but provides additional supporting, non-credit bearing classes encompassing student life, self-determination and career readiness. Students regularly meet with program advisor to determine and track academic goals, explore campus life and participate in a personal data research project. Students accepted into the HSA program can take advantage of these additional services.

Schedule

- Students are at Columbus State's downtown campus 1-2 days per week
- Students are at their practicum 2-3 days per week (10.5 hrs).
 - Students can be from Franklin and surrounding counties. Attempt is made to secure practicum sites close to the individuals home / within home county.

What is a practicum?

- ◉ In the Autumn and Spring semesters students complete a practicum at a local human service agency. Students spend 10.5 hours a week at their practicum learning and practicing skills that will help them become a human services assistant.
- ◉ Students typically complete their practicums at 2 agencies over the 2 semesters.
- ◉ A Teaching Assistant is available to provide supports throughout the semester with an average of 1-3 hours per week.
 - **Please note- CSCC staff and faculty do not provide full-time, one on one, supervision on campus or at practicum placements**
- ◉ A Faculty Liaison from Columbus State also supports the student at their practicum by visiting them at the agency 3-4 times per semester.

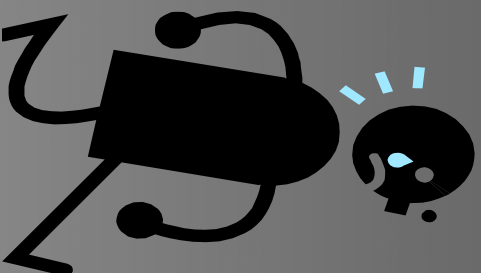
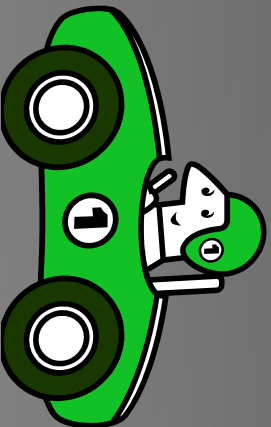
Practicum locations – partial list

- ◉ Day Programs –
 - Creative Foundations
 - All R Friends
 - Good Hands
 - Learning Never Ends
- ◉ Easter Seals
- ◉ Head Start Pre-schools
- ◉ Goodwill Columbus
 - SAGE, Young Adult Program, Wellness
- ◉ Dahlberg Learning Center
- ◉ Franklin County Board
 - ARC Industries
 - West Central
- ◉ Early Childhood Program
 - Bixby/Hague Living Skills Center
- ◉ Haugland Learning Center
- ◉ Fairfield Industries
- ◉ National Church Residence
 - Adult Day programs for seniors
- ◉ Food For Good Thought

Transportation is the student's responsibility

- Some students have providers or parents that transport them, some drive, some take the City Bus, some walk.

- County Boards and OOD/BVR have also assisted.



Does this program cost Money?

- Yes.. The courses and practicums are Columbus State classes. Students take 3-7 credit hours per semester.
- Total program cost is approximately \$2300-\$2900.
- Additional COMPETE program fees will be determined
- Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid and work with OOD/BVR.

Financial Aid Tips-Important!

- Please apply at fafsa.gov
- Apply for BOTH the current year and upcoming year to ensure coverage for all 3 semesters (if student qualifies)
- Please log into your student email account and check it frequently. You can discover your username and password at “password.csc.ccc.edu.” Follow the prompts requesting information.
- Your student email account is used as the main point of contact for financial aid. They may request verification documents through student email that you will not want to miss! Not sending in requested verification forms can delay your financial aid disbursement.
- You can learn more at www.csc.ccc.edu under “financial aid”.

Can students be involved in other ways at Columbus State

- Absolutely -Students can take additional classes – former students have taken CPR, Early childhood classes, resistance training, developmental writing
- Students have worked out in fitness center and join free fitness classes.
- Students have joined campus clubs/organizations.

Do Human Services assistants get jobs?

- 9 Certified Assistants are working as Preschool assistants (Easter Seals / Dahlberg Learning Center / Head Start program)
- 2 Certified Assistants are working in County Board operated schools (West Central School)
- 4 Certified Assistants are working at Living Skills Center with individuals with severe and profound disabilities.
- 2 Certified Assistants are working at a Day Program for Seniors.
- 10 Certified Assistants are working in Day Activity / Habilitation Programs (Goodwill, All R Friends, Learning Never Ends)

Jobs cont..

- 9 Certified Assistants work in Workshop settings doing a variety of jobs. – Assisting in Hab. Rooms and on the work floor, Giving tours, facilitating self-determination activities, helping with bus duty, assisting in cafeteria, reading to individuals, etc.
- 2 Certified Assistants work in after school programs - YMCA

If someone completes the program and gets a job....

- It may be full-time or part-time.
- Wages will be decided by the employer.



How Do Students Apply?

- Schedule an interview with Mandy Mernedakis (614-287-5098). Interviews can be scheduled from September-April.
- Complete online application for CSCC.
- Take placement test (reading and writing required only)
- Complete HSA application packet
- Request letters of recommendation from 3 professionals
- Submit completed application and most recent IEP and ETR to Mandy Mernedakis

Are students automatically accepted into the program?

- No...up to 12 students will be selected to participate in the program

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