

# MEDICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OPTION TO THE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

## Program Description

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Social Work will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the discipline, applied concepts, and theories necessary for a future in the field of social work and other helping professions. The A.S. in Social Work is also designed for students who intend to transfer to an accredited four-year baccalaureate program in the field of Social Work (B.S.W.) or another human services degree program.

This option will begin to prepare students to work in the field of medical social work. Foundational knowledge in areas related to medical and behavioral health will be emphasized in the curriculum. The practicum portion of this option will take place in a medical setting. Additional prerequisites such as a background check may be involved.

**Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.**

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	3
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
STSC 171	Student Success Seminar for the Helping Professions	2
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Second Semester		
ENGL 152	English II	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOWK 170	Trauma and Healing	3
SOWK 207	Group Dynamics	3
Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech">https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Third Semester		
SOWK 171	Social Work in Health Care Settings	3
SOWK 194	Interviewing and Communication Techniques	3
SOCI 282	Sociology of the Family	3
ANTH 134 or SOCI 238	Cultural Anthropology <sup>2</sup> or Race and Ethnicity	3
BIOL 114 or BIOL 119	Principles of Biological Science <sup>2</sup> or Science and the Human Body	4
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Fourth Semester		
SOWK 201 or PSYC 278	Human Behavior and the Social Environment <sup>2</sup> or Life Span Development	3
SOWK 202	Social Work Seminar and Practicum <sup>3</sup>	3
PHIL 190	Introduction to Critical Thinking	3
Select from the following <sup>2</sup>		3
HIST 230	America and the West After World War II	
POLI 161	American Federal Government	
POLI 183	Introduction to Political Science	

PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course(s) in math or science from the List of Approved General Education Courses.
- <sup>2</sup> Course selections should be based on the requirements of the intended transfer to a four-year institution. Students should speak to their advisor for clarification.
- <sup>3</sup> Practicum must take place at an articulated partner where the student can specialize in medical social work. The practicum may itself have specific pre-requisites, please see above in Program Description.