

# SOCIAL WORK, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

## 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.

## Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Social Work degree can transfer into majors such as Social Sciences, Human/Public Services, Sociology, or Social Work. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer [www.njtransfer.org](http://www.njtransfer.org) (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>).

## Career Information

The Associate of Science degree is designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree for Social Work or a related field. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a pathway to social work, grant writing, community outreach, and case management as well as prepare students for graduate programs in Social Work. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. OCC students can also utilize Focus2 Career, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers. To get started, log in through Ocean Connect (<https://connect.ocean.edu/Connect/Default.aspx>).

**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
Any STSC - Student Success Seminar course ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/course-descriptions/stsc/">https://catalog.ocean.edu/course-descriptions/stsc/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	2
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
Second Semester	Credit Hours
ENGL 152 English II	3
SOCI 181 Introduction to Sociology	3
SOWK 207 Group Dynamics or PSYC 271 or Abnormal Psychology	3
Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/#tech">https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/#tech</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	3
Elective <sup>3,4</sup>	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
Third Semester	Credit Hours
SOWK 194 Interviewing and Communication Techniques	3
SOCI 282 Sociology of the Family	3

ANTH 134 Cultural Anthropology <sup>3</sup> or SOCI 238 or Race and Ethnicity	3
BIOL 114 Principles of Biological Science <sup>3</sup> or BIOL 119 or Science and the Human Body	4
Elective <sup>3,4</sup>	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
Fourth Semester	Credit Hours
SOWK 201 Human Behavior and the Social Environment <sup>3</sup> or PSYC 278 or Life Span Development	3
SOWK 202 Social Work Seminar and Practicum	3
PHIL 190 Introduction to Critical Thinking	3
Select from the following <sup>4</sup>	3
HIST 230 America and the West After World War II	
POLI 161 American Federal Government	
POLI 183 Introduction to Political Science	
Elective <sup>3,4</sup>	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

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A variety of STSC -Student Success Seminar courses are available. Please speak to your academic advisor for assistance when selecting.

2

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.

3

Social Work students pursuing the Addictions Counseling Certificate can choose from the list of Addictions Counseling courses below. This particular choice in electives will allow students to complete 9 of the 18 credits required in the Addictions Counseling Certificate.

ALDC 101 - Addiction Disorders and Recovery Supports

ALDC 102 - Addiction Counseling: Professional Responsibilities

ALDC 105 - Addiction Counseling Skills

ALDC 106 - Assessing Addictive Disorders

ALDC 107 - Addiction Counseling: Methodology

ALDC 108 - Addiction Counseling: Client Education

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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.