



Bachelor of Science in

# HUMAN SERVICES

**Come Back Stronger, Ready to Help Others Make *Their* Comeback**

This is your time. Your moment. Turn your passion for helping others into a rewarding career built on making a difference.<sup>1</sup> With our bachelor's degree in human services, you'll be prepared to embrace real opportunities advocating for those most vulnerable in our society. Develop the skills and diverse knowledge to assess, intervene, and evaluate the situations of individuals, families, and communities in need, and how to best deliver services that improve quality of life.



# Why Study Human Services at Purdue Global?

## **Built for Working Adults**

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

## **Backed by the Power of Purdue**

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the human services field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## **Your Experience Counts as College Credit**

It's time to get the recognition you deserve. Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to graduate sooner and save on tuition.<sup>2</sup> In addition to credit for prior courses, you can earn college credit for your work, volunteer activities, and life experiences.

## **Faculty Expertise**

Learn from human services professionals with extensive experience in the field. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

## **Affordable Tuition**

You can lower the cost of your education through military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more. Our average bachelor's graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning.<sup>3</sup> You're worth the investment.

## **Personal Support**

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## **Introductory Trial Period**

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks — before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.<sup>4</sup>

## **An Education That's Proven and Respected**

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue is ranked #16 most innovative company in the world alongside Open AI, NASA, and Microsoft.<sup>5</sup>

# Take the Next Step in Your Education and Your Career

## **Prepare for Optional Certification**

The coursework in this program fulfills the educational requirements to sit for the optional Human Services — Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP) exam offered by the Center for Credentialing & Education.<sup>6</sup>

## **Build the Core Skills and Competencies Needed to Advance in This Field**

- Examine foundational knowledge of theoretical bases, best practices, and historical and current trends related to the human services profession.
- Apply theory and skills to identify, plan, implement, and evaluate interventions involving client needs and delivery systems.
- Adhere to and use professional, ethical, and legal values, standards, and practices.
- Apply the information and skills necessary to manage and deliver human services.
- Illustrate the importance of culture, gender, diversity, and global perspectives in the delivery of human services.

## **Get a Head Start on Your Master's Degree**

Complete your master's degree sooner with a graduate program pathway. It weaves graduate-level courses into your bachelor's program, giving you a jump on your master's degree requirements. You'll save on time and tuition compared with finishing both programs separately.

Plus, your degrees don't have to be in the same fields. You can customize your academic journey to support your career goals and interests. To learn more, view the University Catalog or connect with an Advisor.<sup>7</sup>

# Curriculum

A well-rounded curriculum blends theory and practice, teaching you how to critically evaluate your social world as you explore the public and private policies that drive the day-to-day operations of human service agencies in this country, the complex challenges of human services in the 21st century, and how you can best intervene on behalf of the clients you will serve.

## Human Services Course Topics Include:

- Public Relations in Not-For-Profit Organizations
- Psychology of Aging
- The Aging Population and Society
- Child and Family Welfare
- Studies in Child and Adolescent Development
- Proposal Design in Human Services
- Advocacy Across the Lifespan
- Communication and Advocacy
- Restorative Justice in Human Services
- Advocacy and Leadership
- Human Services Program and Profession
- Human Behavior and the Environment
- Survey of Social Problems
- Applied Skills for Human Services
- Prevention and Crisis Intervention
- Human Services and Social Policy
- Case Management in Human Services
- Human Services Delivery
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Human Services

## Capstone Project

The program culminates in a final capstone project, which gives you the opportunity to apply the skills and concepts you study online to real-world issues in human services.

## Degree Concentrations

Focus your human services degree in one of three areas:

- **Human Services Administration:** Gain the knowledge and skills to work with diverse funding sources, influence policy, supervise staff, and advocate on behalf of those most vulnerable in our society.
- **Child and Family Welfare:** Study the complexities of child development, family court, and more while learning to assess, evaluate, intervene, and re-evaluate social structures.
- **Community Organization and Advocacy:** Acquire the knowledge and skills to work as a change agent within the community or specific groups. Learn how to demonstrate the need for change within the community, influence outcomes, drive change, and organize action.

## Program Detail

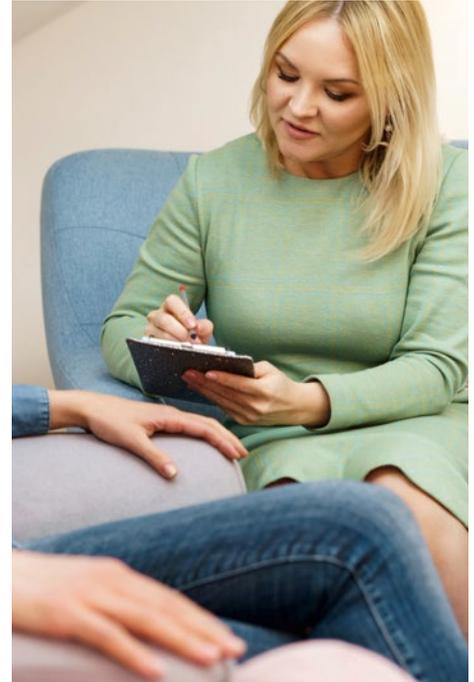
**Credit Hours:** 180

**Average Completion:** 2–4 years (With transfer credit and prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor’s degree graduates in 2021–2022 was 2.1 years.)<sup>8</sup>

**Course Load:** 2–3 per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year



### Member of the CSHSE

This program is a member of the Council for Standards in Human Services Education (CSHSE) and adheres to its curriculum standards.

# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job outlook for human services related occupations are projected to grow between 2% and 22%, depending on the area of focus.<sup>9</sup>
- Employment of social and community service managers is projected to grow 9% from 2022 to 2032, much faster than the average for all occupations.<sup>10</sup>
- Employment of home health and personal care aides is projected to grow 22% from 2022 to 2032, much faster than the average for all occupations.<sup>11</sup>

## Career Pathways and Outcomes

### Roles

- Social and human services assistants
- Home health and personal care aides
- Social and community service managers
- Health education specialists and community health workers
- Rehabilitation counselors

### Settings

- Mental health centers
- Social service agencies
- School-based programs
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Nursing homes
- Healthcare settings
- Prisons
- The court system

## Center for Career Advancement

Our Career Specialists offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment and exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation and mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

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## Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

## Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

## Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit [PurdueGlobal.edu](https://PurdueGlobal.edu).

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](https://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.

2 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy.

3 Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2021-2022 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of \$34,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times standard cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022. 2021-2022 academic year.

4 Students who inform Purdue Global they do not wish to pursue the program during the 3-week trial will not be charged. Students who choose to continue at Purdue Global will be billed for the full first term's tuition, including the 3-week trial, and will need to meet other specific requirements. Classes will be applied toward a degree if satisfactorily completed and students select to continue their studies at Purdue Global. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Graduate programs and BS in Professional Flight not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.

5 Sources: [www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list](https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list). Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

6 The coursework in this program fulfills the academic requirements to sit for the optional exam to become a Human Services—Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP). Please note that you must meet post-degree experience requirements in order to earn the optional HS-BCP credential. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams.

This program was not designed to lead to certification or licensure as a social worker or counselor in any specific state, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.

7 Estimated graduation date is based on the assumption that you will enroll in time to begin classes on the next upcoming start date, will remain enrolled for each consecutive term, and will maintain satisfactory academic standing in each term to progress toward completion of your program. Completion time is based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.

To start a Graduate Program Pathway, students should consult with their Student Advisor to confirm eligibility. Not all Graduate Program Pathways are available on all tracks, and some may require students to meet academic standards to continue taking graduate courses in their bachelor's degree program. Visit the University Catalog for more information.

8 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2021-2022 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022.

9 Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Rehabilitation Counselors, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/rehabilitation-counselors.htm>; Social and Community Service Managers, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/social-and-community-service-managers.htm>; Health Education Specialists and Community Health Workers, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/health-educators.htm>; Social and Human Service Assistants, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-and-human-service-assistants.htm>; Home Health and Personal Care Aides, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/home-health-aides-and-personal-care-aides.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

10 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Social and Community Service Managers, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/social-and-community-service-managers.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

11 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Home Health and Personal Care Aides, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/home-health-aides-and-personal-care-aides.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.