



Community Social Service Program Description

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Through this program students will acquire the knowledge and skills for performing duties as Direct Service Professionals in residential, vocational, recreation, health and education settings.

Through the diploma program students will, in addition to completing the certificate coursework, gain knowledge and skills in human behavior, communication, and medication areas. The diploma will provide the student supervisory skills with the ability to obtain Designated Coordinator status in addition to having 2 years of work experience. Upon completing the coursework from which includes 20 credits of transferable Liberal Arts & Sciences coursework.

The A.A.S. degree also entitles the student to the Designated Coordinator status and applies to supervisory and middle management positions in most human services settings. The A.A.S. degree offers the graduating student the option to continue their education at a four-year institution upon completion.

Students graduating from the Community Social Service Program (CSS) are eligible for positions in several areas in the health, human services and education fields with children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens. The graduating student may serve a variety of at-risk populations including people with disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse, poverty and disadvantaged. Students who may be interested in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology or other health related areas may want to consider the CSS program as a well-rounded educational base to support further development of generalist skills at a four-year institution.

Program Core Competencies

- Demonstrate professionalism through leadership performance.
- Recognize the need for skill development and demonstrate the ability to intervene and teach more appropriate performance skills to live an independent life style.
- Demonstrate knowledge of human behavior; identify deficits in behavioral choices, and intervene by identifying the most appropriate behavioral strategy to teach more appropriate alternatives.
- Make appropriate decisions based on knowledge of systems protocols, i.e. rules and regulations.
- Identify appropriate resources, supports, and services from all service settings in an effort to plan, develop, and implement the most appropriate and least restrictive strategies for an independent future.
- Demonstrate an understanding of concepts relevant to entry level, generalist; social work practice in a wide range of settings i.e. values and ethics; diversity issues; social justice; cooperative learning; autonomy and self-determination; social service delivery systems.

Student Background Studies

Student Background Studies are completed before students participate in the clinical experience. Disqualification from having direct patient contact may require the student to change program majors.

Minnesota law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a health care or child care facility licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health have a background study conducted by the state. An individual who is disqualified from having direct patient contact as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement in a Minnesota licensed health care or child care facility. Failure to participate in a clinical placement required by the academic program could result in ineligibility to qualify for a degree in that program.

IMPORTANT ACCUPLACER Test Requirement: ACCUPLACER testing in math, reading and writing. Any needed developmental courses must be completed before receiving a diploma or an A.A.S. award.

Program Essentials

Length of Program

AAS Degree	70 credits
Diploma	48 credits

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Start Dates

Fall Semester	August
Spring Semester	January

Program Contact

For information on how to apply, how to schedule an Anoka Technical College campus tour please contact the Admissions Office

Phone	(763) 576-4850
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South Central Faculty

For information about the technical, general education courses taught online at South Central College (SCC) in North Mankato, please contact the following:

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All classes online through South Central College
in Mankato

Community Social Service Diploma 48 Credits

Technical Education, online through South Central College 28 Credits

CSS1801	Direct Service Professionalism	3
CSS1802	Physical Developmental Supports I	3
CSS1804	Person Centered Planning	3
CSS1811	Facilitating Positive Behaviors	4
CSS1902	Physical Developmental Supports II	3
CSS1907	Basic Sign Language	3
CSS1910	Community Social Service Internship	5
CSS1913	Supportive Interventions	4

AND

Technical Education, online through South Central College 13 Credits

HC1000	Medical Terminology	3
CSS1934	Trained Medication Aide	2
HCTC1886	Basic Nursing 101 (CAN)	4
HLTH1950	CPR	1
HLTH1952	First Aid	1
OTEC1001	Introduction to Computer Software	2

AND

Required Liberal Arts & Sciences, online through South Central College 4 Credits

MNTC – Goal Area 1: Communications		
ENGL100	Composition	4

AND

Elective Credits

Liberal Arts & Sciences online through South Central College 3 Credits

Students may choose one Liberal Arts & Sciences course from the following list as recommended by their advisor:

MNTC – Goal Area 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning		
MATH154	Elementary Statistics	4

MNTC – Goal Area 5: History & the Social & Behavior Sciences		
ETHN100	American Racial Minorities	3

MNTC – Goal Area 7: Human Diversity		
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	3

MNTC – Goal Area 8: Global Perspective		
ECON110	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON120	Principles of Microeconomics	3

MNTC – Goal Area 9: Ethical & Civic Responsibility		
POL110	American Government	3



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Technical Education, Anoka Technical College 13 Credits

COMP1002	Computer Technologies for Communication	2
HLTH1030	Medication Administration-Unlicensed Personnel	3
HLTH 1040	Medical Terminology	2
HLTH1103	Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide	5
EMED1075	First Aid & CPR	1

AND

Required Liberal Arts & Sciences, Anoka Technical College 4 Credits

MNTC – Goal Area 1: Communications & 2: Critical Thinking		
ENGL 1105	Composition I	4

AND

General Education, Anoka Technical College 3 Credits

For a list of MN Transfer Courses available at Anoka Technical College
Go to the college website http://www.anokatech.edu/current_students/transfer/

MNTC – Goal Area 5: History & the Social & Behavior Sciences		
PSYC1405	Lifespan Human Development	4

OR

MNTC – Goal Area 5: History & the Social & Behavior Sciences		
PSYC1505	General Psychology	4

MNTC – Goal Area 5: History & the Social & Behavior Sciences and Goal Area 7: Human Diversity		
SOSC2000	Sociology of Work	4

MNTC – Goal Area 1: Communication & 7: Human Diversity		
SPCH1200	Interpersonal Communication	3



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CSS1811	Facilitating Positive Behaviors	4
CSS1812	Introduction to Social Work	3
CSS1813	Social Welfare Service	3
CSS1814	Community Social Service Projects	3
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HLTH1952	First Aid	1
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AND

Elective Credits

Liberal Arts & Sciences online through South Central College 20 Credits

To complete an A.A.S. Degree, students must complete 15 MNTC credits from 3 of the 10 MNTC Goal Areas (combination of required and recommended). Courses must be approved by advisor/faculty.

Recommended:

MNTC – Goal Area 1: Communications		
ENGL100	Composition	4
MNTC – Goal Area 3: Natural Sciences		
BIOL100	Introduction to Biology	4
MNTC – Goal Area 5: History & the Social & Behavior Sciences		
PSYC110	Lifespan Psychology	3
MNTC – Goal Area 9: Ethical & Civic Responsibility		
PHIL100	Ethics in Society	3

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MNTC – Goal Area 8: Global Perspective		
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ECON120	Principles of Microeconomics	3
MNTC – Goal Area 9: Ethical & Civic Responsibility		
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Students should be advised that all recommended developmental courses and 1800 level CSS course work be successfully completed before registering for the 1900 level courses unless otherwise advised.



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OR

MNTC – Goal Area 5: History & the Social & Behavioral Sciences

PSYC1505	General Psychology	4
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MNTC – Goal Area 5: History & the Social & Behavioral Sciences

Goal Area 7: Human Diversity

SOSC2000	Sociology of Work	4
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The remaining required General Education courses can be taken as online courses through South Central College.