

MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies in conjunction with Behavioral Health and Nutrition offers a minor in Medical Social Services. Medical social services provide assistance to patients and their families with accessing available community resources. Professionals in this field connect people to appropriate social and/or medical services. Typical employment settings include hospitals, schools, hospice, and nursing home facilities.

Open to all students in all majors, the minor introduces the intersection of social services and public health within an interdisciplinary context. Although the minor provides background content for students interested in pursuing a master's degree in medical social work, this minor alone does not qualify students for professional licensure in social work. The minor requires 18 credit hours, including 12 required credits and 6 credits selected from a list of recommended electives. Human Services majors may count only HDFS 230 for both this minor and their major. Health Behavior Science majors may not count more than one course toward both this minor and their major. **All courses included in the minor must be completed with a C- or better.** Please see the Undergraduate Catalog for the most up-to-date information.

Requirements for Human Services Majors

CORE REQUIREMENTS:	
HDFS 230: Families and their Communities	3 cr.
BHAN 332: Health Behavior Theory & Models	3 cr.
HLPR 430: Behavior Change Strategies and Tactics (BHAN 332 prerequisite)	3 cr.
SOCI 341 Welfare and Society OR SOCI 348 Theories of Social Work Practice (SOCI 201 prerequisite)	3 cr.
ELECTIVES – SELECT TWO COURSES	
BHAN 335: Health and Aging	3 cr.
HLTH 241: Ethical Aspects of Healthcare	3 cr.
HLTH 320: Chronic Illness in America	3 cr.
HLTH 491: Care Coordination Practicum	3 cr.
NURS 382: Communities and Health Policy	3 cr.
SOCI 311: Sociology of Health and Illness	3 cr.
SOCI 313: Mental Health and Well-Being	3 cr.
SOCI 343: Society, Politics and Healthcare	3 cr.
SOCI 349: Aging and Society	3 cr.
SOCI 433: Gender and Health	3 cr.

Requirements for all other majors

CORE REQUIREMENTS:	
HDFS 230: Families and their Communities	3 cr.
BHAN 332: Health Behavior Theory & Models OR HDFS 332: Counseling Theories	3 cr.
HLPR 430: Behavior Change Strategies and Tactics (BHAN 332 prerequisite) OR HDFS 346: Counseling in Human Services	3 cr.
SOCI 341 Welfare and Society OR SOCI 348 Theories of Social Work Practice (SOCI 201 prerequisite)	3 cr.
ELECTIVES – SELECT TWO COURSES	
BHAN 335: Health and Aging	3 cr.
HDFS 329: Adolescent Development	3 cr.
HDFS 330: Mentoring and Helping Relationships	3 cr.
HDFS 331: Positive Youth Development	3 cr.
HDFS 335: Culture in Context	3 cr.
HDFS 339: Adult Development and Aging	3 cr.
HDFS 401: Foundations in Human Sexuality	3 cr.
HDFS 405: Aging and the Family	3 cr.
HDFS 408: Domestic Violence Policy/Prevention	3 cr.
HDFS 409: Domestic Violence Services	3 cr.
HDFS 472: Substance Abuse and the Family	3 cr.
HLTH 241: Ethical Aspects of Healthcare	3 cr.
HLTH 320: Chronic Illness in America	3 cr.
HLTH 491: Care Coordination Practicum	3 cr.
NURS 382: Communities and Health Policy	3 cr.
SOCI 311: Sociology of Health and Illness	3 cr.
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Admission: A minimum GPA of 2.0 is requirement. As a result, freshmen and transfer students must wait until after first semester grades have been posted to request the minor; all others may apply for the minor at any time via UDSIS Web form “Change of Major, Minor, Concentration...” It is not necessary to meet with the minor advisor to have your request approved. You will be assigned an advisor after the approval. However, if you would like to learn more about the minor, please contact Dr. Marc Lodyga, mlodyga@udel.edu or 831-6670.