

Program Description

For those with a heart for others and a passion for becoming a social worker, a solid education is essential to your success in this broad career field. The Minnesota State Pre-Social Work Transfer Pathway Associate of Science (A.S.) degree is the perfect place to start on your admirable trek toward helping others. The Pre-Social Work Transfer Pathway allows you to take the first two years of a social work bachelor's degree at CLC and then transfer to a Minnesota State University to complete the degree.

Program Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate understanding and knowledge of humans and their environment, genetics, and evolution;
- Interpret and analyze data and sample populations;
- Examine and analyze the complexity of the structures and dynamics of society;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of psychology, as well as the ethical issues involved in the student of behavior and mental processes;
- Demonstrate an understanding of physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development in infancy, early childhood, childhood, adolescence, early adulthood, midlife, and late adulthood;
- Articulate an understanding of how diversity and difference characterize and shape the human experience;
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of social welfare as a global social institution linked to the workings of other institutions and shaped by the intersection of politics, economics, social circumstances, and value systems which impact different people in different ways.

Career Opportunities

Social work is an appropriate background for the professional practice of social welfare administration and counseling, with a focus on the study of organized means of providing basic support services for vulnerable individuals and groups. Social workers have varied career paths and often work in settings such as hospitals, schools, outpatient and inpatient mental health facilities, education, and substance abuse programs.

Program Course Requirements

Required Discipline Courses (14 credits)

HSER 1100	Introduction to Social Work	3 cr
HSER 2150	Field Experience	4 cr
Additional HSER courses		7 cr

Required MnTC Courses (46 credits)

An associate of science degree requires a minimum of 30 credits selected from at least 6 of the 10 goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)**. The following courses are required:

AMSL 2420	Deaf Culture (Goals 6,7)	3 cr
BIOL 1404	Human Biology (Goal 3).....	3 cr
COMM 1420	Interpersonal Communication (Goal 1) OR	
COMM 1422*	Honors Interpersonal Comm (Goal 1) OR	
COMM 2420	Intercultural Communication (Goals 1,7) OR	
COMM 2422*	Honors Intercultural Comm (Goals 1,7)	3 cr
ENGL 1410	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	4 cr
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goal 1)	4 cr
ENGL 1450	Introduction to Humanities (Goals 6,8) OR	
PHIL 1411	World Religions (Goals 6,8)	3 cr
ESCI 1444	Natural Disasters (Goals 3,10)	3 cr
MATH 1460	Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) OR	
MATH 1461*	Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4).....	4 cr
POLS 1435	American Government and Politics (Goals 5,9)	3 cr
PSYC 2421	General Psychology (Goals 2,5) OR	
PSYC 2423*	Honors General Psychology (Goals 2,5)	4 cr
PSYC 2431*	Human Development (Goal 5).....	3 cr
SOCL 1401	Introduction to Sociology (Goals 2,5) OR	
SOCL 1403*	Honors Intro to Sociology (Goals 5,8).....	3 cr
SOCL 2481	Race, Ethnicity, Oppression (Goals 5,7).....	3 cr
Additional Goal 6 course		3 cr

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 60 CREDITS

*Denotes Prerequisites

**Many courses from Goals 1 – 6 also meet Goal 7 – 10. Credits count only once. Students are advised to select MnTC courses with multiple goal assignments whenever possible

Semester Course Requirements

This is a sample full-time student pathway.

Semester One (14 credits)

ENGL 1410	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	4 cr
HSER 1100	Introduction to Social Work.....	3 cr
POLS 1435	American Government and Politics (Goals 5,9)	3 cr
PSYC 2421	General Psychology (Goals 2,5) OR	
PSYC 2423*	Honors General Psychology (Goals 2,5).....	4 cr

Semester Two (16 credits)

AMSL 2420	Deaf Culture (Goals 6,7).....	3 cr
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goal 1)	4 cr
PSYC 2431*	Human Development (Goal 5)	3 cr
SOCL 1401	Introduction to Sociology (Goals 2,5) OR	
SOCL 1403*	Honors Intro to Sociology (Goals 5,8)	3 cr
Select any Human Services (HSER) course		3 cr

Semester Three (14 credits)

BIOL 1404	Human Biology (Goal 3)	3 cr
COMM 1420	Interpersonal Communication (Goal 1) OR	
COMM 1422*	Honors Interpersonal Comm (Goal 1) OR	
COMM 2420	Intercultural Communication (Goals 1,7) OR	
COMM 2422*	Honors Intercultural Comm (Goals 1,7)	3 cr
MATH 1460	Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) OR	
MATH 1461*	Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4)	4 cr
Select any Human Services (HSER) course		4 cr

Semester Four (16 credits)

ENGL 1450	Introduction to Humanities (Goals 6,8) OR	
PHIL 1411	World Religions (Goals 6,8)	3 cr
ESCI 1444	Natural Disasters (Goals 3,10)	3 cr
HSER 2150	Field Experience.....	4 cr
SOCL 2481	Race, Ethnicity, Oppression (Goals 5,7)	3 cr
Additional Goal 6 course.....		3 cr

**Denotes Prerequisites*

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Transfer Opportunities

The Pre-Social Work A.S. Degree offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Social Work bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so students completing this pathway degree and transferring to a Minnesota State university may enter with junior-year status. Courses in the Pre-Social Work Transfer Pathway degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs. Students should consult with an advisor for guidance regarding how to best meet the requirements of their intended baccalaureate program. Universities within the Minnesota State system participating in the Pre-Social Transfer Pathway include:

- Bemidji State University, BS
- Metropolitan State University, BSW
- Minnesota State University, Mankato, BSSW
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead, BSW
- Southwest Minnesota State University, BS
- St. Cloud State University, BFS
- Winona State University, BSW

Course Prerequisites

Some courses may require appropriate test scores or completion of basic math, basic English, and/or reading courses with a "C" or better. CLC utilizes a multiple measure approach for placement which may include high school MCA, SAT, ACT scores in addition to high school GPAs. For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

1. College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
2. Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College.

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