

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Community Social Services Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree is a 60-credit program designed to prepare students to become direct service providers or designated coordinators in settings where vulnerable or at-risk people are housed or treated. Direct service providers are the caregivers in these settings, and the designated coordinators oversee the daily activities of the setting.

The program exposes students to the laws, rules, and regulations surrounding the care and treatment of vulnerable people, specifically developmentally and cognitively disabled people. Additionally, the program trains students how to best support developmentally disabled people, as well as to understand the psychological characteristics of and treatments for various developmental and cognitive disabilities.

Additionally, program coursework also helps define the roles of the direct service provider, designated coordinator and social worker as advocates and resource providers, helping vulnerable clients and residents receive care and services. Coursework in social work and social services, and the broad base of sociology and psychology classes taken as part of this program will prove valuable for those students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution to potentially major in human services, psychology, social work or sociology

Prerequisites

Some courses may require appropriate test score or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a “C” or better.

Background Study

Minnesota Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and/or residents at a health 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 at a clinical site. The student has the right to request reconsideration of the disqualification.

Graduation Requirements

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, diploma or certification must meet the grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Please contact your advisor for any further program graduation requirements.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how credits from this program may transfer into other Anoka Technical College programs or into a program at another college, visit:

- [Minnesota Transfer](http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search): (www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search)
- [Anoka Technical College transfer student](http://www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx): (www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx)

Industry Information

Students graduating from the Community Social Service (CSS) program AAS degree program 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.

Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp) (http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp).

Technical Education: 36 Credits

- CSS 1010 Direct Support Professionalism..... 3
- CSS 1020 Physical Developmental Supports I 3
- CSS 1030 Person Centered Planning 3
- CSS 1040 Facilitating Positive Behaviors..... 3
- CSS 1550 Social Services Projects..... 3
- CSS 1560 Social Welfare Services 3
- CSS 1570 Introduction to Social Work 3
- CSS 2020 Physical Developmental Supports II 3
- CSS 2050 Supportive Interventions 4
- CSS 2100 Internship..... 4
- HLTH 1000 Disease Conditions..... 2
- HLTH 1040 Medical Terminology 2

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 24 Credits

Twenty four (24) general education credits must be taken from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). Student is required to take:

- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology 4
 - ENGL 1107 English Composition 4
 - PSYC 1406 General Psychology 4
 - PSYC 1606 Abnormal Psychology 4
 - SOSC 1010 Introduction to Sociology 3
 - SPCH 1200 Interpersonal Communications..... 3
- OR**
- SPCH 1500 Intercultural Communications 3
 - Select TWO credits from a MnTC goal area 2

Start Dates

Application process for the second year begins in March.

- Fall Semester..... August
- Spring Semester January

Faculty Contact

[Zakia Robbins](mailto:Zakia.Robbins@anokatech.edu)..... 763-576-4182

For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu



Sample Program Sequence

Full Time

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
1st YEAR	CSS 1010 3	CSS 1020 3
	CSS 1040 3	CSS 1030 3
	ENGL 1107 4	CSS 1570 3
	PSYC 1506 4	HLTH 1040 2
	SPCH 1200 <i>OR</i> SPCH 15003	SOSC 1010 3
	TOTAL 17	TOTAL 14
2nd YEAR	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
	CSS 1550 3	Gen Ed/MnTC 2
	CSS 1560 3	CSS 2020 3
	CSS 2050 4	CSS 2100 4
	BIOL 1106 4	PSYC 1606 4
	HLTH 1000 2	TOTAL 13
TOTAL 16		