

# SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATE IN ARTS



The Cuyamaca College Associate in Arts in Social Work prepares students to further enhance their education, seek employment in various social service settings, or both. Students who complete the program are eligible to transfer to four-year colleges or universities to continue their education toward advanced degrees and potential licensure in Social Work or related fields.

This program offers students coursework focused on skill development around core competencies for generalist practice, including assessment methods, treatment planning, case management, writing/documentation, critical thinking, ethical and professional behavior, advocacy, social justice, cultural competence and techniques for working with individuals, communities, and institutions.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Identify and analyze barriers and issues faced by under-represented and vulnerable communities through the lenses of cultural competence and trauma-informed care.
- Apply critical thinking skills to case management, crisis intervention, and theory-based assessment to understand and support positive interactions between individuals and their environments.
- Facilitate use of community resources, community linkages and government assistance programs which support social work practices in diverse environments.
- Apply knowledge of biopsychosocial factors that affect human development and behavior across life span to case management strategies and approaches.
- Identify diverse roles of social workers in micro, mezzo and macro levels of practice and evaluate own's professional identity and skills.

## Career Opportunities

- Administration<sup>1</sup>
- Child Welfare<sup>1</sup>
- Clinical:
  - Counseling, Therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Community Organizations:
  - Advocacy, Politics, Education<sup>1</sup>
- Criminal Justice/Corrections<sup>1</sup>
- Developmental Disabilities<sup>1</sup>
- Gerontology<sup>1</sup>
- Health Care<sup>1</sup>
- Occupational:
  - Counseling<sup>1</sup>
  - Organizational Development<sup>1</sup>
  - Teaching<sup>1</sup>

- Wellness Promotion<sup>1</sup>
- Human Resources<sup>1</sup>
- Public Welfare:
  - Social Work<sup>1</sup>
- Research<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bachelor degree or higher recommended.

## Associate in Arts Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
BIO-130	General Biology I	3
ECON-120 or ECON-121	Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Microeconomics	3
HED-201	Introduction to Public Health	3
Select one of the following:		4
MATH-160 or PSY-215	Elementary Statistics Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	
PSY-120	Introductory Psychology	3
SOC-120	Introductory Sociology	3
SW-110	Social Work Fields of Service	3
SW-120	Introduction to Social Work	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>25</b>

Plus General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.gcccd.edu/cuyamaca/degree-requirements-transfer-information/>)