ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA-DTA) WITH
CERTIFICATE IN
SOCIAL SERVICE/MENTAL HEALTH

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (60 CREDITS)
All GER elective courses must be chosen from the approved lists on
the AA-DTA degree requirement sheet. All other AA-DTA degree
requirements also must be fulfilled.

Communications (10 credits)
ENGL& 101 English Composition I 5
CM GER Elective (ENGL 103 recommended) 5

Social Science (15 credits)
Choose 3 disciplines:
PSYC& 100 General Psychology 5
SOC& 101 Intro to Sociology 5
Select one:
ANTH& 206 Cultural Anthropology or
History or
* ECON 110 Survey of Economics
*ECON 110 recommended for transfer to social work at UW

Natural Science (15 credits)
Choose 3 or disciplines – lab class required:
BIOL 170 Hum Anatomy & Physiology for Non-Sci Mjrs 5
NS GER Elective 5
Select one:
NUTR& 101 Nutrition 5

Humanities (15 credits)
Choose 3 disciplines:
HM GER Electives 5
(examples Art, Drama) 5
Select one:
CMST& 101 Introduction to Communication 5
CMST& 220 Public Speaking 5

Quantitative Skills (5 credits)
QS GER Electives (MATH& 146 recommended) 5

SOCIAL SERVICE/MENTAL HEALTH core/certificate
(36 credits)
Psychology courses (choose one): 5
PSYC& 180 Human Sexuality
PSYC& 200 Lifespan Psychology
PSYC 201 Psychology of Personal Growth
PSYC 210 Social Psychology
PSYC 215 Group Experience
PSYC& 220 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 230 Intro to Personality

Sociology courses (choose one): 5
SOC& 201 Social Problems
SOC 211 Marriage and the Home
SOC 212 Sociology of Death
SOC 220 Gender Roles in Society

AND
SSMH 100 Intro to Human Services 5
SSMH 170 Mental Health Interviewing & Assessment 5
SSMH 201 SSMH Field Experience 5
SSMH 210 Self Care for Care Givers 3
SSMH 215 Law and Ethics in Social Services 5
Select one: 3
SSMH 185 Identity and the Family
SSMH 230 Abuse in the Family

Total Credits Required 96

Notes:
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Pierce College offers the Associate of Arts degree with the Social Service/Mental Health Certificate option at the Ft. Steilacoom campus. The program prepares students for service and employment in human services. Work involves interviewing, counseling, crisis intervention, assessment, outreach, coordination and community development.

Students who intend to transfer to a four-year institution should work closely with an advisor.

The Associate in Arts degree with the Social Service/Mental Health Certificate option is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions, to enhance the skills of persons working in the social services and to transfer to four-year programs of study.

Counselor
Case Manager
Residential Counselor
Youth Counselor
Client Advocate
Human Service Worker

Program Outcomes

- Graduates will be able to examine self and field to identify and match appropriate strengths and weaknesses for successful/meaningful education and/or career path.
- Graduates will be able to integrate self-awareness to cope and manage with stress in the field for self and others.
- Graduates will be able to incorporate an ethic of care in all aspects of practice to insure humane treatment for clients/consumers/patients, regardless of race, creed, diagnosis, wealth, age (develop appreciation social justice).
- Graduates will be able to maintain the integrity of the client/consumer/patient in order to establish trust.
- Graduates will be able to access community resources to provide for life and home maintenance stability.
- Graduates will be able to develop basic interpersonal skills as a foundation to counseling.
- Graduates will be able to know applicable laws and codes as they relate to counseling and client care.
- Graduates will be able to integrate an understanding of the broad spectrum of human services.

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Related Codes
Intent: F or J
Social Service Mental Health: 369

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