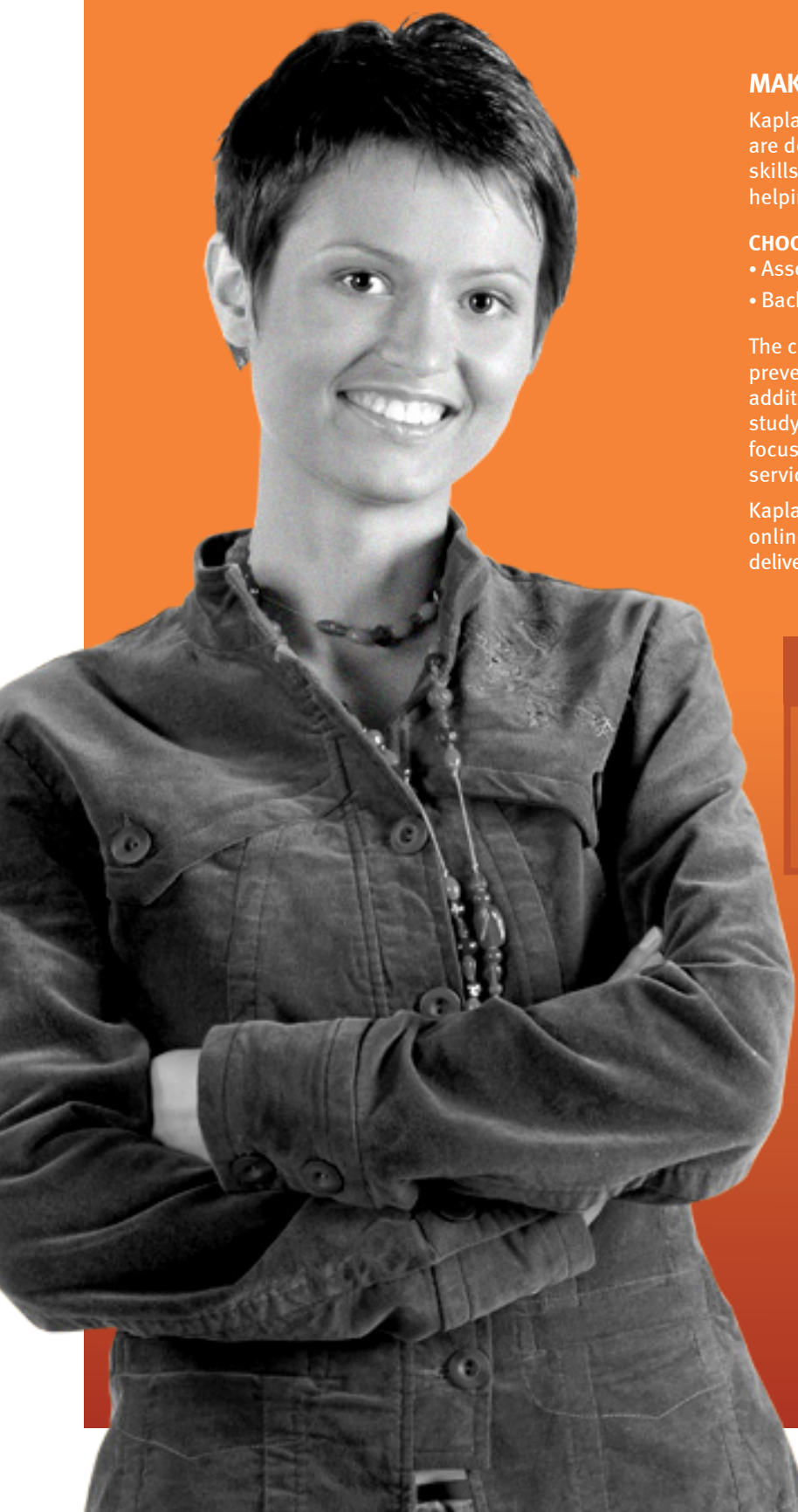


HUMAN SERVICES DEGREE PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



MAKE A CAREER OUT OF HELPING OTHERS

Kaplan University's human services degree programs are designed to prepare you with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a career in a wide variety of helping professions.¹

CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Associate of Applied Science in Human Services
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services

The curriculum includes courses in human behavior, prevention and crisis intervention, and sociology. In addition, our bachelor's degree program allows you to study advanced topics in your choice of three areas of focus: gerontology, child and family welfare, and human services administration.

Kaplan University offers an interactive environment for online learning. Advanced technology and enhanced delivery methods make classes accessible and user-friendly.

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YOUR TALENT FOR HELPING OTHERS IS IN DEMAND

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the outlook for occupations in human services is strong.² In fact, job prospects for human services professionals are expected to increase in the coming decade, particularly for applicants with the appropriate post-secondary education.² Driven by the growth of the elderly population and the increasing need for social and welfare services, the demand for human services professionals has outpaced the qualified talent.



A DEGREE THAT COULD HELP YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Kaplan University's human services programs are designed to help graduates develop the practical skills needed to make a positive impact on people's lives in many areas of human services.¹ These areas include mental health, social services, education, rehabilitation, group and community work, nursing homes, court systems, and public policy.

Employers in the human services field are increasingly seeking individuals with education beyond high school.² An **Associate of Applied Science in Human Services** could enable you to pursue entry-level positions, while a **Bachelor of Science in Human Services** could give you the background needed to apply for managerial and supervisory roles.

Some Characteristics Needed for a Career in Human Services

- Strong desire to help others
- Effective communication skills
- Sense of responsibility
- Ability to manage time effectively
- Patience and understanding



POSSIBLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:³

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services

- **Social and Human Service Assistant**—Keep records of client visits; interview individuals and family members to compile information; oversee daily activities in a group home
- **Mental Health Aide**—Monitor patient behavior and report suspicious or unusual activity; provide patients with routine emotional care
- **Elderly Services Aide**—Administer bedside care; help the elderly plan daily activities; transport clients to locations outside of the home; train family members to help provide bedside care

Bachelor of Science in Human Services

- **Family support Worker**—Provide social services and assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families
- **Community Organizer**—Organize and lead group activities; assist clients in need of counseling or crisis intervention; administer food banks
- **Residential/Halfway House Counselor**—Assist adults who need supervision with daily living skills; review clients' records and help clients become involved in community recreation program

ENHANCE YOUR SERVICE IN THE HUMAN SERVICES INDUSTRY

Kaplan University's **human services** programs adhere to the curriculum standards of the Council of Standards in Human Service Education. Students have the opportunity to explore the public and private policies that drive day-to-day operations of human service agencies in this country, as well as how to best intervene on behalf of the clients they serve.

The curriculum emphasizes:

- Applying qualitative reasoning to real-world situations
- Demonstrating knowledge of the theoretical bases, best practices, and historical and current trends related to the human services profession
- Understanding the application of theory and skills to identify, plan, and utilize resources to improve client situations
- Behaving professionally, ethically, and legally in the workplace
- Utilizing information and systems to appropriately manage and support human services delivery
- Understanding the importance of culture, gender, diversity, and global perspectives when working with clients

The **Bachelor of Science in Human Services** program offers three emphasis options, allowing you to focus on an area of interest that best suits your career goals:¹

- **Human Services Administration**—Explore management and administrative roles within the human services arena. Courses are designed to prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to work with diverse funding sources, influence policy, supervise staff, and advocate on behalf of those most vulnerable in our society. Graduates could assist in situations involving other agencies and players in the human services industry.
- **Gerontology**—Focus on the physical, mental, and psychosocial development of humans during the aging process. This emphasis area supports students with an interest in working directly with the growing aging population and as advocates for seniors in our society. Courses are designed to prepare graduates to work with the change process of aging and address how the aging population impacts social policy and program delivery.
- **Child and Family Welfare**—Concentrates on the complexities of issues facing children and families in our society. Graduates may assess, evaluate, intervene, and re-evaluate social structures, such as adoption, foster care, child protection, and reunification, as they work with children and families.

Program Detail

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services

- Credit Hours: 90

Bachelor of Science in Human Services

- Credit Hours: 180



HERE IS WHAT ONE STUDENT HAD TO SAY

Stacey Patterson

- Kaplan University College of Arts and Sciences Graduate

“It’s been a hard road but my experience with Kaplan University has been well worth every bit of it...I really don’t believe I could have done it without the staff...the professors and the academic support that they have.”

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY—A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

Kaplan University isn't like other online universities. We offer productive, interactive, dynamic learning opportunities that encourage and enhance the talents of our students. Created around the principle of using advanced technology and enhanced delivery methods, we make classes accessible and user-friendly. Combined with our strong focus on personal interaction, Kaplan University has created the right environment for learning. You can navigate lessons, explore Web field trips with the click of your mouse, and communicate with fellow students and faculty via email and message boards. Most importantly, our outcomes-based programs are designed to provide you with the skills you need to reach your educational and career goals.¹

WAYS TO HELP YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR TALENT

We partner with you to strive to achieve success from day one. Some of our student support services include:

- Academic advising
- Career services
- Tutoring
- Technical support
- Networking/Connection tools
- Financial aid
- Student clubs/organizations
- Library
- Military student service center
- Resource center

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- › Bachelor of Science in Communication
- › Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies
- › Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies

Note From Dean

“The need for human services professionals in this country will continue to grow over the next several years. The Kaplan University human services programs are designed to prepare students to thrive in the human services arena. The knowledge and skills you could develop from one of our degree programs could help set you apart as a dedicated, compassionate human services professional.”



Sara Sander
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

¹ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in their field of study, or in related fields. However, the University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any particular job or employed at all.

² Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008–2009 Edition, Social and Human Service Assistants, <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos059.htm>. These projections are provided for informational purposes only. Long-term projections are not intended to predict short-term changes in employment demand due to the current economy. The current projections should be treated as estimates.

³ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, the University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job or equipped to perform all the tasks noted. Additional training or certification may be required.