Complete your associate’s and bachelor’s degrees right in your local community through the Human Services Leadership Collaborative degree program offered by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and participating UW Colleges.

A bachelor’s degree in Human Services Leadership is a great fit for those who desire to lead and empower individuals, families and communities to successfully manage and resolve developmental, personal, social and environmental issues.

Ideal for both traditional and returning adult students, the program allows you to remain close to home or your workplace while taking courses for a regionally in-demand degree.

- General education courses completed at a participating UW-College, with credits transferring to UW Oshkosh
- Courses held regionally or via distance learning technology supported by the UW-Extension
- Small class sizes and cohorts that allow you to get to know instructors and fellow students well
- Field placements with local human services agencies for hands-on learning and mentoring in your community
- Dedicated, experienced faculty with diverse education and real-world experiences
- Access to the UW Oshkosh library, technology resources and academic support systems
- Financial aid available for qualifying students through consortium agreements with collaborating institutions

About the Human Services Leadership Collaborative Degree Program

Accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education, UW Oshkosh Human Services Leadership courses emphasize a broad-based awareness of social welfare, interpersonal and advocacy skills development, non-profit leadership and administration, strategic planning, program development and implementation.

In the program students gain an extensive understanding of the internal and external forces affecting individuals, acquire strong listening and problem solving skills and learn to empower others through teaching, counseling and supportive, preventive and therapeutic methods. Through hands-on field placements with local community agencies, students also gain the knowledge and skills needed to meet challenges they will encounter in human services leadership careers.

Learn more

Interested students enrolled at UW-Marathon County or those who would like to take their Human Services Leadership collaborative degree classes at the campus should contact the Student Affairs Office at (715) 261-6235 to set up an appointment. General program inquiries may be directed to UW Oshkosh at (920) 424-0115.

uwosh.edu/go/humanservices
Career Prospects

As the need for social intervention programs continues to increase, so does the need for trained professionals dedicated to helping individuals and communities navigate through a wide spectrum of life challenges. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ranks human services among the most rapidly growing occupations.

Employers of recent UW Oshkosh Human Services Leadership graduates include Big Brothers and Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, the March of Dimes, the Red Cross, the United Way, the YMCA, as well as emergency shelters, health agencies, food and nutrition agencies, legal and victims’ assistance organizations and government agencies.

A master’s degree in counseling, social work, occupational therapy, or related field, in addition to appropriate professional licensure, can lead to advancement to supervisory or more senior-level positions.

HSL coursework becomes an ongoing community program

A home food delivery program for rural Winnebago County residents developed by Kati Hinds ’11 for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry as part of her Human Services coursework continues to operate today with help from UW Oshkosh students. The program serves more than 35 households who can not get to the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry.

“...The degree prepared me in every aspect for my job at CHAPS. I learned solid skills in the classroom that helped me be successful. I was also able to get my foot in the door of an agency I plan to be a part of for a very long time.”

Erin Wilkum ’11
Operations Team Leader
CHAPS Academy, Shiocton, Wisc.

CHAPS serves children and families dealing with emotional and/or behavioral difficulties through equine-assisted mental health counseling activities.