Service-Learning

Field based learning provides students with opportunities to experiment and pursue careers that match their academic and personal interests. Internships give students experience applying their knowledge and skills in work situations and increases their network of contacts in the field.

Student Internship Experiences:
- Help track and identify needs and resources for at-risk children in a housing development
- Engage in case management at a behavioral health clinic
- Partner with classroom teachers to teach a civics course to teens

Community Engagement

CPCS fosters partnerships with nonprofit organizations, local schools, state agencies, housing developments, urban coalitions, and other university initiatives. Students learn professional and networking skills in tandem with required coursework.

The Harbor Point Outreach Partnership

The Harbor Point Outreach Partnership is a community-university tutoring and after-school youth enrichment program staffed in part by interns, students in service-learning classes, and volunteers from the University of Massachusetts Boston and the community.
What Is Human Services?

The field of human services focuses on enhancing the well-being of individuals, families, and communities by connecting them with appropriate resources and tools for empowerment and social transformation.

The Bachelor of Arts in Human Services Program

- Requirements: A combination of CPCS foundation courses and ten major courses
- A blend of online and campus classes to fit your schedule
- Service-learning and field-based learning throughout the curriculum
- Engaged learning, small classes, connecting students, and faculty with the greater Boston community, and beyond
- Opportunity to develop a professional network and gain valuable experience
- Field experience provides added value to your degree
- Ample opportunities to engage with the community, applying theory to practice
- Access to technological resources for student research
- Dynamic, field-experienced faculty

Our Students

- High school graduates interested in helping people enhance their lives through a social-justice orientation
- Community college graduates with or without human-services experience or education
- Students interested in field-based, experiential, engaged, hands-on knowledge and skills in applied social sciences such as psychology, sociology, social work, youth work, and criminal justice
- Passionate about making a difference in a fast growing field

Our Faculty

- Diverse professionals with advanced degrees in social work, education, and psychology
- Committed to research and practice in a dynamic forward-thinking environment
- Recognized for leadership in urban education and community partnerships

ON THE RISE

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand for employment in human and social service management positions should increase by 27 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all other occupations.

Our Graduates

- Work in the various settings, including community organizations, healthcare centers, human service agencies, nonprofits, public schools, and other public arenas
- Human service workers carry out many different tasks, from case management and intervention to program administration and development.
- Pursue advanced studies in social work, psychology, education, human services, counseling, and assume leadership roles in urban communities