

Human Services

Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Human Services graduates?

Rimrock Foundation	Alternatives, Inc	AWARE, Inc.
Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch	MT Department of Public Health & Human Services	The Family Nurturing Center
Youth Dynamics of Montana	Native American Development Corporation	MT Department of Corrections

What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in the Human Services field?

Occupation	Annual wage range in MT*	Potential lifetime earnings*
Licensed Addiction Counselor	\$39,400 - \$61,820	\$53,710 x 39 yrs = \$2,094,690
Mental Health Worker	\$39,400 - \$61,820	\$53,710 x 39 yrs = \$2,094,690
Juvenile Probation Officer	\$44,210 - \$61,900	\$61,800 x 39 yrs = \$2,410,200
Child Protective Specialist	\$38,260 - \$59,290	\$53,940 x 39 yrs = \$2,103,660

* Based on the 2023 state mean and national median wage of occupation per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage.

What percentage of Human Services graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 38% of 2024 Human Services graduates that we received graduate data on, **100% reported being employed* after graduation.**

* Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:

- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, MS in Mental Health Counseling
- Licensed Social Workers, MS in Social Work
- School Counselor, MS in School Counseling
- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. MS in Rehab

Not sure if Human Services is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program, such as Survey of Human Services. Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



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Overview of the Human Services program:

The Bachelor of Science in Human Services degree at MSU Billings is designed to prepare you for entry-level professional practice in the broad field of human services.

- Program responds to both current and future trends and needs for human resource development
- Flexible curriculum permits students to become well acquainted with the comprehensive spectrum of human and helping services
- Degree provides the information, tools, and skills required of human services professionals
- Emphasis on field experiences clearly reflects the importance given to the application of theory and methodology in applied human interaction

The BS in Human Services is a venerable program that has been preparing professionals for a wide range of positions in the fields of case management and social work-related employment since the 1980s. The program is one of the few in Montana that broadly focuses on the field of human services with concentrations that include serving populations in mental health, disability, and family systems.

Although this degree is meant to prepare most graduates for employment primarily as professionals capable of casework with a diverse population, a concentration in Substance Abuse Counseling was recently to expand their employment opportunities. The addiction counseling emphasis includes addiction assessment and treatment classes to increase the students' knowledge of addiction and their eventual employability in the community.

What makes your program unique?

The field of human services uniquely approaches the objective of meeting human needs through an interdisciplinary knowledge base, focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems, and maintaining a commitment to improving the overall quality of life of service population. This program focuses on developing the practical skills necessary to make a positive difference for individuals in the community. Students from our program end up working in a variety of positions in residential care, correctional facilities, substance abuse treatment facilities, organizations dedicated to children and families, poverty and employment services, child and elder care operations, mental health agencies, and domestic violence agencies.

What students like most about the Human Services program:

- Engaging curriculum and content and fun faculty
- Flexibility. Students can take classes online and in person.
- Students like the opportunity to help others and change their lives. It's fulfilling and challenging work.



Department Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/chps/rhs/human-services/index.htm>

